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JAPAN'S LAST STEP ON ROAD OF PROVOCATION

"Times" Warning On New Situation

"THE TIMES" IN A LEADING ARTICLE YESTERDAY, DISCUSSING THE CASE OF JAPAN IN RELATION TO THE NEW TRI-PARTITE PACT, SAYS THAT WHILE THE MOTIVES OF NAZI DIPLOMACY ARE TRANSPARENT, REFLECTION HAS DONE LITTLE TO ELUCIDATE THE QUESTION OF WHAT JAPAN CAN HAVE HOPED TO GAIN FROM CLOSER ASSOCIATION WITH THE AXIS.

BRITAIN'S SHARP NOTE TO RUMANIA

A further Note regarding the unexplained detention of five British subjects was lodged yesterday by the British Minister in Bucharest, Sir Reginald Hoare.

The Note demands information when the arrested persons will be released or, alternatively, the exact nature of the charges against them, and when it is proposed they will be tried.

In the meantime, all is mystery as both the police and the Iron Guard continue to deny knowledge of the arrest of Mr. A. Miller, administrator of the Astra-Romana Oil Co.—Reuter.

PURCHASE TAX DATE ANNOUNCED

The Purchase Tax comes into operation in Britain on October 21; the Treasury have made an Order to this effect which will be submitted to Parliament for approval in accordance with the terms of the Finance Act.

All taxable goods which are delivered under chargeable purchases after that date will be subject to tax.

The Purchase Tax, which was the surprise of the second War Budget in April is a tax on sales.

It will be charged by wholesale and retail and will mean that every-day articles such as household goods, clothes and drapery will cost more, but

Japanese statesmen have no doubt found it plausible to argue that if Germany defeated Britain and immobilised the United States by the threat of intervention in the Americas, Japan would remain undisputed mistress of the Pacific.

The familiar process of wishful thinking may have made it possible for them to believe that Germany had it in her power to achieve those results.

But, granted these assumptions, Japan was already drawing every advantage open to her from the state of war in Europe.

Germany was already making and was bound to make, a supreme effort to crush Britain and neutralise America.

She cannot do more than she is doing, even to please Japan. There is nothing, in fact, to increase her capacity or to enable her to intensify her military effort.

Taking The Plunge

Japan has plunged upon a course fraught with incalculable consequences to herself, for the advantages, even on the shortest views, appear negligible.

Like Germany in Europe, Japan could, if she had chosen the path of peaceful cooperation and partnership, have played a predominant and respected role in the economic development of China.

Like Germany, Japan lacked the necessary self-confidence and self-restraint for this task and plunged recklessly down the path of ruthlessness and domination.

Deliberate Provocation

The many attempts made, both by Great Britain and the United States to retrieve past errors and reach a sympathetic understanding with Japanese needs were treated as a sign of weakness and used as the starting point for fresh aggression.

After stating that Japan's progress in the last three years

the heaviest scale of the tax will be borne by luxuries.

Its purpose is to limit home expenditure with a view to avoiding the risk of inflation. It will be worked on a percentage basis.—Reuter.

has been accompanied by deliberate provocation towards the Western Powers, "The Times" adds the pact now concluded with the Axis marks a further step and almost the last step on this path.

It must now be regretfully admitted that the caution characteristic of Japanese foreign policy in the past has been abandoned.

Future Mortgaged

The country where the pact has been received with the most unreserved satisfaction is China, whose far-seeing rulers believe that Japan, by deliberately courting the hostility of Great Britain, the British Dominions and the United States, has fatally mortgaged her future and involved herself in the consequences of Germany's coming defeat.—Reuter.

RIOM TRIAL ARRAY OF WITNESSES

Fifty-three witnesses in the French war guilt trial have been heard by the Supreme Court at Riom in the last few days, according to Lyons radio yesterday.

Witnesses included General Weygand, General Colson, General George, General Vuillemin, General Blanchard and General Mittelhauser, as well as M. Georges Bonnet, former Foreign Minister and supporter of the Munich Agreement.

M. Guy La Chambre, former Air Minister, M. Edouard Daladier and General Gamelin were also questioned.—Reuter.

ANOTHER BRITON KIDNAPPED IN RUMANIA

Another British subject has been kidnapped in Rumania, it was stated in Bucharest yesterday.

Percy Clark, 60-year-old head of a British engineering firm at Ploesti, was taken from his room in a Bucharest hotel by three youths in civilian clothes who forced him to accompany them to an unknown destination.—Reuter.

H.M.S. SAPPHO SUNK BY A MINE

The Board of Admiralty announced yesterday that H.M. yacht Sappho (Commander Wreland, R.N.R.) has been sunk, probably by an enemy mine. Next of kin of casualties have been informed.—Reuter.

AMERICAN TANKS FOR BRITAIN

Two dozen American tanks, first instalment of 200 over-age tanks being supplied to Britain, crossed the border into Canada yesterday.—Reuter.

Soviet Policy In Far East

The Soviets have not announced their willingness to enter into a non-aggression pact with China on condition that China is split up into spheres of interest.

This was the categorical statement elicited by Reuter in Moscow in reply to an enquiry regarding the report circulating earlier.

"But —"

The official statement added, however, that the Soviet policy of good relations would not exclude the possibility of a rapprochement with Japan, provided, as M. Molotov stated in August, there was good will on both sides.—Reuter.

EIRE BOMBED IN "ERROR"

The German Government will express its regret to the Eire Government for having "erroneously" dropped bombs on Irish territory and will offer to pay compensation, according to the official Nazi news agency yesterday.

The agency stated investigation had shown the bombs really were launched from an aircraft which, however, had lost its way!

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AVERAGE AGE IN WAR CABINET NOW LESS THAN SIXTY

ALTHOUGH SWEEPING changes are involved in the big Cabinet reconstruction announced yesterday the leadership of the three fighting Services remains unaltered — an implied indication of the satisfaction which Mr. Churchill feels at the way the war effort is being pushed forward.

In the enlarged War Cabinet — increased from six to eight by the inclusion of Mr. Ernest Bevin and Sir Kingsley Wood — the Conservatives now outnumber Labour members by five to three and there is still no place for a Liberal.

There is now no reason to expect any more Government changes in the near future.

Average age of the new War Cabinet is 59½. Mr. Churchill at 65 being the eldest and Mr. Bevin at 56 the youngest.

Simultaneously with his resignation from the Government, Mr. Neville Chamberlain has resigned the leadership of the Conservative Party.

It is a foregone conclusion that Mr. Churchill will succeed him.

New Home Secretary

Yesterday's Cabinet changes were as follows:—

Lord President of the Council.—Sir John Anderson (formerly Home Secretary).

Home Secretary and Minister for Home Security.—Mr. Herbert Morrison (formerly Minister for Supply).

Dominions Secretary.—Viscount Cranbourne (formerly Paymaster General).

President of the Board of Trade.—Capt. Oliver Lyttleton.

Minister for Supply.—Sir Andrew Duncan (formerly President of the Board of Trade).

Minister for Transport.—Lt.-Col. J. T. G. Moore-Brabazon.

Minister for Works and Buildings and First Commissioner for Works.—Sir John Reith (formerly Minister for Transport). The Ministry for Works and Buildings is a new department.

Steering Committee

It is understood that Sir John Anderson, as Lord President of the Council, will take over all

HOW ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

It is remarkable how the lack of a certain commodity in Germany leads to a lack of the same commodity in one of the occupied countries!

For instance, rubber. A day or two ago, it was announced, in Germany that new bicycle tyres cannot be bought except for Service and school-children were forbidden to wear out their bicycle tyres on pleasure trips.

Yesterday came news of an official decree in occupied France forbidding the sale of motor car and motor cycle tyres except for official vehicles.

No doubt French supplies will satisfy the Germans for the time being. If they do not, the French can expect the loss of their bicycles as well.—Reuter.

duties performed by Mr. Chamberlain, one of the most important of which is the steering committee which places questions in their order of importance on the agenda of the War Cabinet.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S BIG MEAT CONTRACT

Renewal of the contract between the Ministry of Food and the Australian authorities for the supply of meat to Britain is on the verge of signature, Reuter understands.

The present contract, which expired at the end of September, assumed a shipment of 260,000 tons of meat of all kinds but owing to pressure on British storage capacity and the presence of what is believed to be more than adequate supplies in England, rather less than that amount was actually shipped.

It is believed that final details regarding the exact amount under the new contract have not been decided but it is expected to amount to about 250,000 tons of beef, mutton, lamb and pork.

General price level is said to be much the same as for last year's contract, with a few minor adjustments mostly in a downward direction.—Reuter.

GIRL, 15, SET BOY'S LEG

A fifteen-year-old girl, a St. John Ambulance cadet, was going home from a parade when she saw a nine-year-old boy who had been knocked down by a motor-car.

She carried him into his home, and found he had a broken thigh. She tore up a sheet for bandages, used some rough pieces of wood for splints, and applied a perfect dressing to the broken limb.

Doctors and nurses who saw the boy in hospital have congratulated her on her first-aid skill, which, they say, makes her "invaluable to the community in war time."

The heroine of this story is Margaret Colleshill, of Hatton Avenue, Slough, Bucks.

She received her first aid certificate only a month ago.

The boy was Peter Scammell, who was knocked down near his home in Granville Road, Slough.

"It was the first time I had ever seen anyone in pain, and I felt a little sick, but I remembered what I had been taught and just pretended I was practising bandaging with the girls."

"I joined the brigade six months ago. I felt I might be needed in case of air raids."

"Peter's mother has thanked me," she added, "and I hope to go to see him in hospital soon."

Margaret's mother said: "She is a good girl and helps at home as well as doing the first-aid and Sunday School work."

Margaret was asked, if she wanted to become a nurse. She said no, her ambition was to become a telephone operator.

SYRIA FOOD SHORTAGE

A BEYROUT MESSAGE REPORTS A SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF FOOD IN SYRIA.

All over the country, people are queuing up for bread, flour and other rations.

There is a petrol shortage, too, and private cars have been ordered off the roads during the month of October.

Taxis have had their allowance cut down to 24 gallons a month.—Reuter.

LORD HALIFAX TO LEAD UPPER HOUSE

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, is to be Leader of the House of Lords in the place of Lord Caldecote, the new Lord Chief Justice.

He will be assisted, it is announced from No. 10, Downing Street, by Lord Snell, who will continue as Deputy Leader.—Reuter.

EGYPT'S TREASURES

EGYPT IS TAKING SUITABLE PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE HER LITERARY TREASURES FROM THE DANGERS OF AIR RAIDS. Many thousands of valuable manuscripts, ancient copies of the Koran, and other sacred books are being stored away from danger in a huge cave in the hills behind the old city of Cairo.

This cave, incidentally, was used by the ancient Egyptians as a safe storage place in time of war.—Reuter.

DRIVEN OUT OF WARSAW

OVER 15,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DRIVEN FROM WARSAW IN THE PAST THREE WEEKS. IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

These unhappy people were not allowed to say good-bye to relatives or friends, and nothing is known of their fate.—Reuter.

BOOTLEG TRAFFIC IN FOOD!

A sharp halt is to be called to "bootlegging" transactions in foodstuffs by a law published in Madrid yesterday.

Spain's extremely difficult food problem has been greatly worsened by many producers, not selling through Government channels and a widespread bootleg traffic has sprung up which is said to be sabotaging the Government scheme of rationing and price control.

Bootleggers find a ready sale for sugar at 3/- per lb., lentils and rice at 1/3d a lb., olive oil at 7/- a litre and for many other commodities.

The law now published provides fines from 1,000 to 500,000 pesetas.

In addition a sentence of a year in a penal labour battalion may be imposed and the penalties apply to both buyers and sellers.

People denouncing guilty parties will receive 40 per cent of the fine, while those buying solely to denounce offenders will themselves be exempt from punishment.—Reuter.

JOURNALISTS' PROPERTY SEIZED

Amongst the latest properties to be confiscated by the Vichy Government are those belonging to the noted journalists, Madame Tabouis and "Pertinax".—Reuter.

FIGHTER DONATION

THE SUM OF £15,000 WAS CABLED TO THE AIR MINISTRY YESTERDAY FROM THE WAR FUND RAISED BY THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

Total contributions from this source now amount to £247,500.—Reuter.

BRITISH DEPOT FOR DERELICTS: NAZI 'PLANE JUNK-HEAP'

GERMAN PLANES brought down in Britain range from total wrecks to machines, practically undamaged in forced landings, and an examination of them shows every phase of German aircraft development.

In one depot in south-east England, smashed-up planes are piled up nearly as high as a house.

Near them are fighters and bombers in perfect condition. Every device, every part, every inch of these machines has been examined by experts, who have taken them up into the air and know the exact performance of the Messerschmidt, Dornier, Heinkel and Junkers.

Generally speaking, German machines brought down so far are made of good material and well finished. They have certain weaknesses, but British experts are naturally not going to give the Germans a broad hint for remedies.

Petrol and oil is standard, but some of the planes have gadgets to enable substitutes to be used.

One machine, for instance, has a special tank of high-standard fuel for the take-off. Once in the air, the pilot can switch over to a lower grade of fuel.

Self-sealing tanks of fibre, rubber and leather are used, in which bullet-holes rapidly close up.

The knowledge gained from the examination of these machines is of immense value and help to our pilots, who know just what to expect in battle. No doubt, the Germans are seeking for new types, but some of these too, will crash and lay bare their secrets.—Reuter.

AIR RAID VICTIMS FUND GROWS

MANY MORE GIFTS WERE RECEIVED YESTERDAY FOR THE LORD MAYOR'S FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF AIR RAID VICTIMS. THE LATEST BEING FURTHER DONATIONS OF £20,000 AND £18,000 FROM MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY RESPECTIVELY.

Further contributions came in from New York and Shanghai.—Reuter.

BOMBS IN SWEDEN

THE SWEDISH RADIO YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THAT DURING THE NIGHT FOREIGN PLANES DROPPED BOMBS NEAR MALMOE.

The bombs did some damage but no one was injured.

The Swedish Government is making the Riksdag for another £2,000,000 for defence purposes.—Reuter.



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THE SIGHTING OF A STRONG ENEMY NAVAL FORCE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN WHICH COULD NOT BE BROUGHT TO ACTION, IS REPORTED BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The report says British naval forces carried out a sweep in the eastern and central Mediterranean from September 29 to October 2 in the course of which additional military forces were landed at Malta.

During this period a strong enemy naval force was sighted by our reconnaissance aircraft. This enemy force was then 100 miles away from our fleet and already steaming towards its base, and it was, therefore, not possible to bring the enemy to action.

Our fleet was attacked by enemy aircraft on three occasions during these operations. No damage was sustained by our ships in any of these attacks but losses were inflicted on the enemy.

On the morning of September 29 an enemy aircraft was located shadowing our fleet and it was shot down by fighter aircraft which later in the day shot down a second enemy shadowing aircraft.

Heavy Attacks

Soon afterwards heavy attacks developed in the course of which one enemy aircraft was shot down by A.A. fire.

A fourth enemy aircraft was shot down by Fleet Air Arm fighters on October 1. — Reuter.



Czech troops stationed "somewhere in England" are now being issued with British battle dress. This picture gives a good comparison between the French uniform with which they arrived and the latest issue of the battle dress. (Copyright, Fox).

HAIPHONG INDEMNITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was reported in Shanghai last night that the Japanese have agreed to pay indemnity in connection with the bombing of Haiphong.

The agreement, it is said, provides payment of 10,000 piastres for each house demolished; 300 piastres for every person killed, and 20 piastres for each person wounded.—Our Own Correspondent.

NAWAB OF BHOPAL GIVES A FLIGHT

Contributions from Spitfire Funds continue to flow in as keenly as ever. Among the latest contributions, announced in London yesterday, is £54,000 from the Nawab of Bhopal, being equivalent to the cost of a whole flight of Spitfires. — Reuter.

SOVIET-FINNISH TREATY

The Soviet and Finland have signed a treaty concerning the demilitarisation and neutrality of the Åland Islands off the lines of the 1921 Convention. It was announced in Helsinki yesterday.

Negotiations concerning the islands were concluded some days ago. — Reuter.

31 MORE CHILDREN REACH CANADA

A liner bringing 31 children evacuated by the British Government arrived safely at an east Canadian port yesterday, says Reuter.

RISK 'PLANE RISKED BLAZE— O.B.E. SHOT, HE'S GAOLED

For entering a blazing aircraft in an attempt to save the crew, Gunners Colin Edwards Garner and Reginald Harry Mesk, of the Royal Artillery, have been awarded the medal of the O.B.E. for meritorious service.

The crew were trapped in the plane which had caught fire after crashing.

"To approach it was difficult and dangerous owing to the intense heat," states the official account.

"They had no thought for their own safety, and the courage displayed was a magnificent example of devotion to duty."

"That they were unable to save any of the crew in no way detracts from their efforts."

Fight Over Norway

Twenty-two-year-old Pilot Officer John Fraser Drummond, whose home is in Liverpool, has been awarded the D.F.C. for gallantry in flying operations against the enemy.

During operations in Norway he shot down two enemy aircraft and seriously damaged three others.

A pilot who established a world flying record in peacetime has been awarded the D.F.C. for gallantry and devotion to duty in war.

He is Squadron Leader William Bentley Murray. In July, 1939, with Mr. J. S. Sproule, he beat the German-held international record for a two-seater glider with a flight of 22hr. 13m. 30s.

SHANGHAI BOMB

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A hand-grenade was thrown into premises housing Wang Ching-wel's latest journal, "Ping Pao," at 10 o'clock last night.

Four of the employees, a watchman and two pedestrians, were wounded. — Our Own Correspondent.

A bus-driver who risked being fired on when he drove past an R.A.F. guard was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour at Chichester for interfering with a person in his Majesty's service in the performance of his duty.

The case is believed to be the first prosecution of its kind under the Defence Regulations.

The driver, Thomas Hoare, of Northbrook Street, Portsmouth, was halted behind two other vehicles.

Left The Bus

While the R.A.F. guard was swayed with the other vehicles, which contained Service men, he continued his journey without waiting for an investigation to be made. He was stopped on his return.

After saying, "If you want the bus searched, search it," Hoare was said to have walked away, abandoning his bus and passengers, and leaving the vehicle in such a position that the road was completely obstructed.

After half an hour the guard had to send for a Service driver to move it.

Hoare told the Bench that the bus was unfit for service, and his employers would not give him another one. He also alleged that they refused to pay him his wages and that he had been suspended from his employment.

FRENCH TRAMWAY MAN KIDNAPPED

Lu Ho-shang, inspector of the French Tramway Company in Shanghai, was kidnapped early yesterday morning. Five men visited his house in Avenue Joffre and took him away. Lu is said to have spotted the attack. — Our Own Correspondent.

WORKING WITH THE STREAM

Messages from Spanish sources in Berlin continue to stress the belief that Spain will take no active part in the war and for that reason, says one correspondent, some Central American countries which are requesting President Roosevelt to intervene with General Franco and keep Spain out of the war, are merely working with the current, as General Franco is keeping out of his own free will.—Reuter.

SPANISH LINER'S MAIDEN TRIP

The newly acquired Spanish liner Cabo de Hornos is sailing from Vigo on its first voyage to South America under the Spanish flag to-day. Passengers include the Marquis de Magaz, new Spanish Ambassador to the Argentine, who formerly represented Spain in Berlin.—Reuter.

CHANDRA BOSE CHARGED

A CHARGE UNDER THE DEFENCE OF INDIA REGULATIONS WAS PROMULGATED IN CALCUTTA YESTERDAY AGAINST SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE, WELL-KNOWN CONGRESS LEFTIST LEADER, ACCORDING TO DELHI RADIO.

Bose was arrested in Calcutta in July under the Defence of India Regulations.

He is one of the most prominent of the younger generation of Indian politicians and as ex-President of Congress is ex-officio a member of the Congress Working Committee.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING PROTEST

The Chungking Ministry of Foreign Affairs has lodged protests with the British, French and Italian Embassies over the transfer of the Chinese telephone service in Tientsin to the Japanese-sponsored Tientsin Municipal Government.

The Ministry brands the action as illegal, violating treaty obligations, impairing Chinese rights and interests, and betraying the Chinese trust.

Declaring that the transfer has no legal effect whatsoever, the Ministry reserves all rights regarding it.—Central News.

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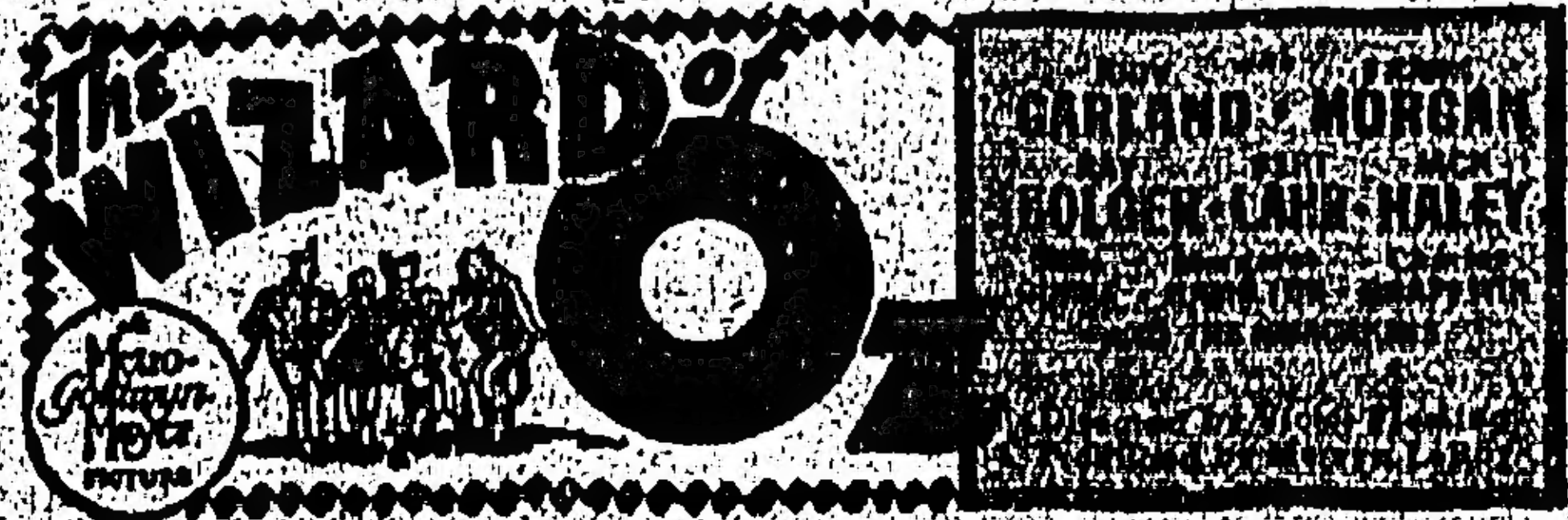
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Mrs. Lillian Goldstein, who was convicted at the Old Bailey of harbouring a gaol-breaker, Ruby Sparks, heard the Recorder, Sir Gerald Dodson, cancel her six months' sentence.

Binding her over, the Recorder said: "I have given a good deal of thought to your case, because one feels that in doing what you did, although it was breaking the law, you followed a natural womanly instinct in trying to succour and protect this man, with whom you had intimate relations over a period of years.

"The justice of the case does require me sending you to prison. "Make the best use of this chance, because, although you have broken the law and assisted this man, perhaps unwittingly, and because you were compelled to do so, you obstructed the police and gave a lot of trouble.

"Some Hope For You"

"Now you can break away from your past association and there may be some hope for you in the future."

Mrs. Goldstein, who is thirty-seven and lived at Wembley Park Drive, was brought from Holloway Prison, where she had begun to serve the sentence, and wore the same smart clothes as at her trial. The Recorder bound her over in her own recognisances for three years on condition that she should obey the probation officer, Miss Russet Green.

Mrs. Goldstein made no comment as she left the dock.

A.R.P. STEEL TOO DEAR

The Ministry of Supply should ensure that the prices paid for steel supplies are fair and reasonable. This is suggested in the second report of the Committee of Public Accounts.

The suggestion arises from examination of the method of ordering Anderson shelters and materials for strengthening basements.

It was decided to dispense with competition in placing the order for from two to two and a half million shelters. A first order for 100,000 tons of corrugated sheets was placed with the British Iron and Steel Corporation.

The order was later extended to a total cost of £19,000,000 of which £16,100,000 was for shelters.

The committee says it is "not satisfied that the machinery established by the Iron and Steel Federation for regulating the general price level of the main products of the steel industry was necessarily the most appropriate."

The committee records "their emphatic opinion" that no industry should be exempt from an obligation to submit its cost to investigation by Government accountants for the purpose of determining the prices to be paid under non-competitive contracts with Government departments.

NEW LOW RECORDS FOR OBJECTORS

Only one man out of every 200 belonging to the 1907 class, who registered for military service, signed on as a conscientious objector. That made a new record.

Altogether there was 1,558 objectors out of a total of 312,641. The percentage—half of one per cent—was slightly lower than that of the 1908 class, the lowest previously recorded. It was the third registration in a month.

THE NAZIS ARE naturally trying to cheer up their people with descriptions of a London in ruins, and the German radio yesterday quoted an un-named American journalist as having told a Lisbon newspaper that he was returning to the United States because conditions in London had become unbearable.

Actually, this paper interviewed five American journalists, including Vincent Sheean and H. R. Knickerbocker.

The paper says that all these five, though of different temperament and from different war-zones, agree on one fact—they believe fully in an English victory.

All the journalists, especially those from London, say that England is proving she can resist all air attacks and enemy raiders are meeting with ever-increasing British determination.

The English are doing excellently, the paper quotes the journalists as saying, and may soon establish air superiority.

In London, yesterday, the commentator of the Mutual Broadcasting Service told his American listeners that London's spirit is as good as ever and so far military damage to

London has been "little or nothing."

It is true, he said, that docks and warehouses have been bombed, but the great bulk of the damage has been to non-military objectives.

The Verdict

Yesterday, at the invitation of the Government, provincial journalists toured London, from the docklands to Buckingham Palace, and their verdict was unanimous about the damage—"bad enough in places but on the whole not nearly as bad as we thought."

They agreed that London is keeping business going as usual and is almost unaffected from the military point of view.—Reuter.

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Industrials sharply advanced on the London Stock Exchange yesterday on continued good demand while Kaffirs improved after completion of an early bout of profit-taking. Gilt-edged initially were dull but indications of a firmer tone appeared late in the session. Rhodesian coppers benefited from buying. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

MINISTRY'S LIGHT
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A LIGHT SHONE for 100 yards into the street from windows at the Ministry of Agriculture from ten o'clock one night until six o'clock the next.

"Here is a bright light in the middle of London on the whole of a week-end," said Mr. J. B. Sandbach, K.C., the Marlborough Street magistrate.

"If there had been an air raid, hundreds might have been killed and millions of pounds of damage

might have been done." He imposed a fine of £30 on Alfred Hall, a messenger at the Ministry of Agriculture in Soho Square, for causing a light to be displayed there during a week-end.

"You had better go and get it out of the Ministry as it is a fine you cannot pay," Mr. Sandbach told Hall.

Black-Out Broken

Police Constable Clark said that a bright light was shining from the third floor of the building from 10.5 p.m. on Saturday until 6.10 p.m. on Sunday night.

It came from a totally unscreened bulb, shining through two rooms into Scho-Square for a distance of about 100 yards.

Black-out, material had been provided, but had not been drawn across.

Hald, a temporary messenger to the Ministry, said the furniture was being removed from the building and when he left all the removers had gone and all the lights were out.

From that moment, he contended, his responsibility ended. Asked if the Ministry would pay his fine, he said he didn't know.

"I have asked them," he said, "and they have said they had no authority from the Treasury to do it."

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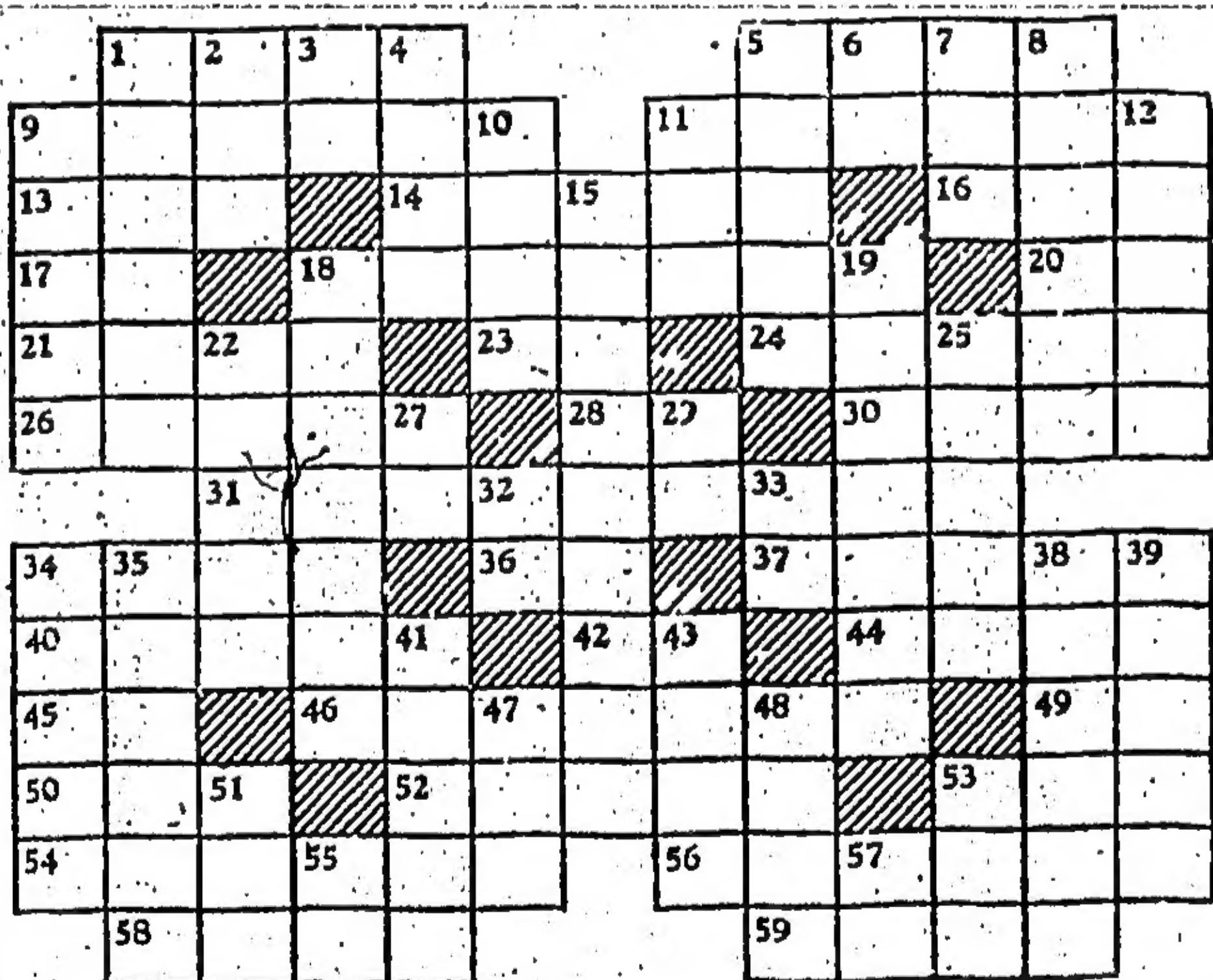
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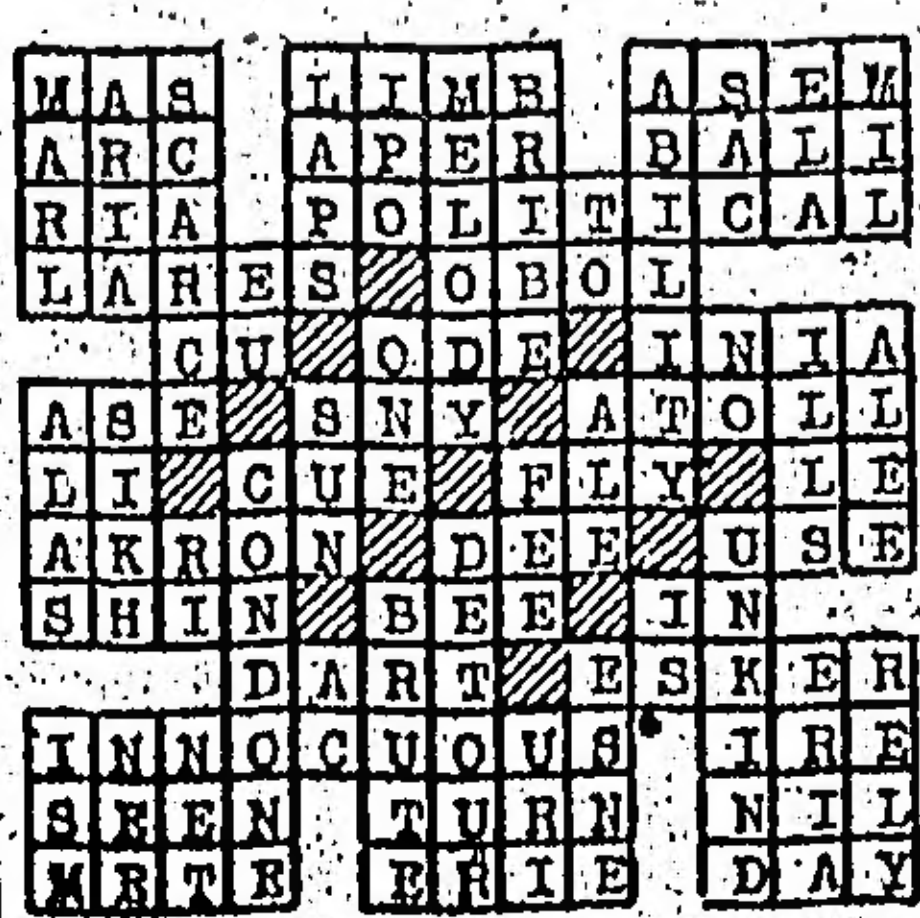
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VERTICAL

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- 10 Tree of Galana
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- 15 Russian
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- 27 Sacred Hindu word
- 29 Article
- 32 Mixed type
- 33 Babylonian deity
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- 35 Revived
- 36 To have reference
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- 47 Pronoun
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- 51 Challice
- 53 Footlike part
- 55 Siberian river
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

BOYS AS
WOODMEN

Boys are clamouring to work as lumberjacks on timber camps in Cumberland during the holiday.

"We think the attractions to the Lake District have something to do with so many young men wanting to work in Cumberland," said a Forestry Commission official. "There's a certain glamour in the lumberjack's life in picturesque surroundings, but undoubtedly the patriotic motive is also there."

Have To Rough It

"The Forestry Commissions are accepting these offers because of the shortage of unskilled labour for the timber camps."

These young men—many are undergraduates and public school boys—will have to "rough it" in the ordinary lumberjack manner. They will work a full fifty-one-hour week at the fixed schedule (as a labourer) of wages, which rises from 24s. 6d. for persons of sixteen years to 28s. 6d. for eighteen years and 50s. for twenty years.

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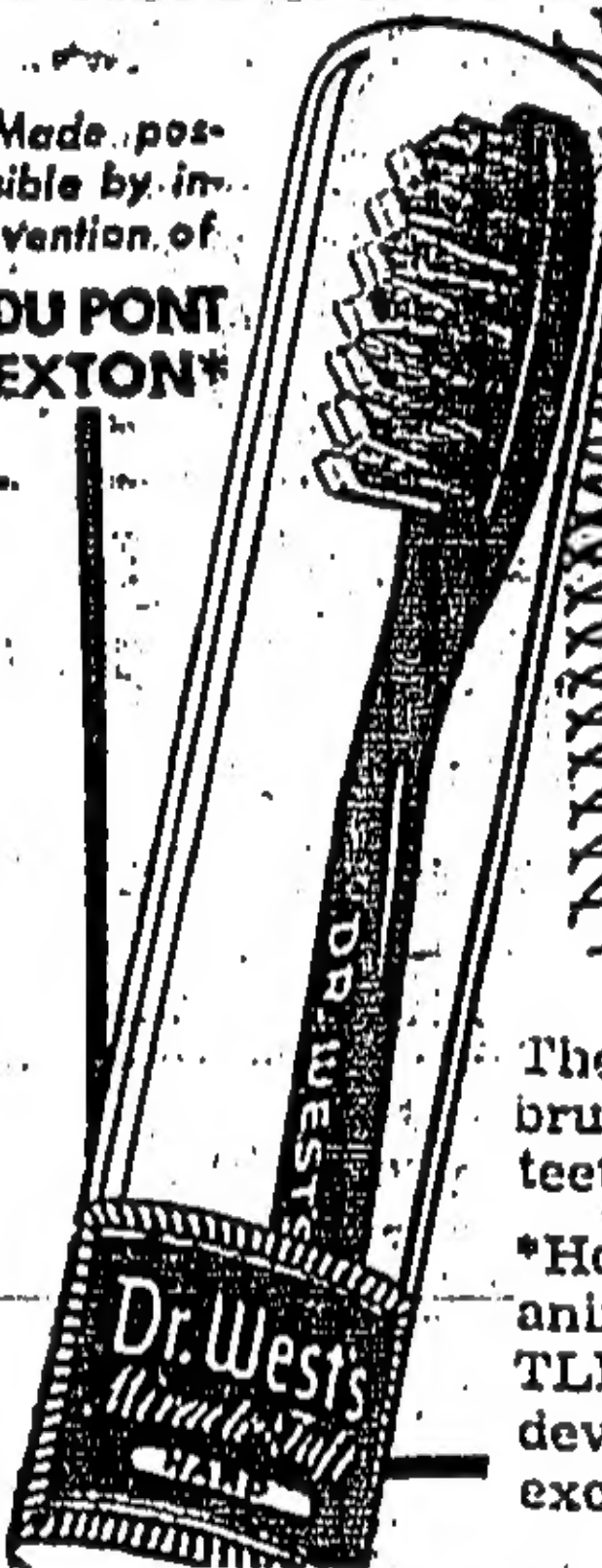


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Constant Watch Of The Navy Off The Coast

ALTHOUGH PUBLIC ATTENTION HAS BEEN CONCENTRATED CHIEFLY UPON THE MASSES AIR ATTACKS, THE BEGINNING APPARENTLY OF THE BLITZKRIEG ON THIS COUNTRY, IT SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED THAT THERE HAS BEEN ALSO NO LITTLE SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY AT SEA, WRITES A NAVAL CORRESPONDENT.

In the first place, the air attacks have been directed both upon convoys—when they could be located—and also upon ports and naval establishments. Dover, of course, is a favourite target for the Heinkel and the Junkers, but Portsmouth, Southampton, and Portland in particular have all been the objects of Nazi attention.

That, however, is not all. There have also been two brushes between British and German light forces at sea, and all these events clearly illustrate two things—that the enemy realises that there is great importance still in the sea affair, so that he cannot afford to neglect it even if attacking with aeroplanes by the thousand, and that the vigilance of the Royal Navy is, as ever, unrelenting.

Five Planes Down

Yet a third incident of importance occurred at sea, when a destroyer, H.M.S. Windsor (Lieut. Commander Huddart) and two armed trawlers, the Edwardian (Skipper F. A. Cunningham, R.N.R.) and the Peter Carey (Skipper, E. C. Catchpole, R.N.R.), recently contributed their quota to the great toll of Nazi air raiders by shooting down no fewer than five German planes in an afternoon.

In the early hours of one morning, while it was still dark, a number of British motor torpedo-boats, moving at about thirty knots, came into touch with two small enemy ships, which at first they took for E-boats.

The leading M.T.B., being too close for any other action, thereupon rammed the enemy, only to find that she was a craft of some larger class, whereby the M.T.B. sustained some damage to her bows. The next M.T.B. passed between the two enemy ships, engaging both of them effectively as she passed with machine-guns and grenades; while a third, passing on the other side of the enemy sighted two larger enemy ships, which she engaged at point-blank range with machine-guns.

That was the end of that particular encounter, but a little later one of the M.T.B.'s had a run in fight with an E-boat, of which it was still too dark to see the result.

But later the M.T.B.'s were engaged by an enemy plane from a height of no more than 500 feet. Their machine-guns set the plane on fire, and when last seen it was losing height rapidly.

No Damage

In all these engagements the M.T.B.'s sustained no damage—except the bows of one of them stove in by ramming—and no casualties; all, including the damaged boat, returned safely to their base.

In the early hours of the next morning, a German force, consisting, as far as could be observed, of six armed trawlers with three E-boats was located in the North Sea by a British destroyer detachment consisting of the Malcolm, flotilla leader (Captain T. Halsay, D.S.O.) and the Verity (Lieutenant-Commander R. H. Mills). The destroyers turned their searchlights on the enemy and at once opened fire.

The results again were difficult to assess with any certainty, for the enemy immediately resorted to smoke screens to make their escape, and a smoke screen is never more effective than in the beam of a searchlight. But it was believed that one trawler and one E-boat were sunk before the enemy was able to get away.

Curious Tactics

The composition of the enemy force was curious. Armed trawlers are the slowest and clumsiest of warships, though very effective in the duties for which they are suited. The E-boats, on the other hand, are the fastest and nimblest,

so that the combination of the two seems incongruous.

It cannot be very easy for them to collaborate, and if the E-boats were included for the protection of the trawlers—or vice versa—it is curious that they should both have retreated without attempt at counter-attack when they were engaged by the force of British force which they must have most expected to encounter.

Both incidents seem to suggest that the E-boat is hardly the really effective craft it has been vaunted to be. But in truth it seems to be but one more proof of the fact that it is the man that counts far more than the material or the weapon.

SEVEN SPITFIRE SERGEANTS

Here is the story of seven sergeant-pilots of a Spitfire squadron as told in an Air Ministry communiqué:—

They were in the official words "having the dog-fight of their lives off Dover and Folkestone," having run into Junkers dive-bombers and Messerschmidts.

Sergeant No. 1 fired two bursts at a ME 110, saw one of its crew bale out, and watched the aircraft go down smoking furiously.

No. 2 caught a ME 109 as it was climbing, and sent it down in flames.

No. 3, at 10,000 ft., attacked one of 12 Junkers 87. He saw it drop apparently out of control and then turned to deal with a Messerschmidt 109, which was coming for him.

BOOKS NOT TO BE TAXED

Newspapers are exempted from the Purchase Tax. Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in making the announcement, which obviously had the hearty goodwill of M.P.s, showed plainly that the important wartime duty carried out by the Press towards the nation had chiefly influenced the decision.

The Chancellor freed books, at least for the present, and also periodicals and the vast mass of printing from the tax.

Among the things on which tax will not now have to be paid are account books, printed music, printed leaflets and pamphlets, including book lists, trade catalogues, trade lists, trade posters, and other trade advertising material.

Diaries are practically the sole exception to the concessions.

"Vital Factor"

The Chancellor said it had been suggested to him that if the tax were levied there might be in certain events a substantial decrease in the circulation of newspapers.

"I certainly do not think that in this time of war," said Sir Kingsley, "it would be in the national interest that there should be either a decrease in the circulation of newspapers or a diminution of the service which they provide for the public."

M.P.s cheered this. "Not only a free Press but a widely distributed Press is, I recognise, a vital factor, particularly to-day, in the dissemination of information and in the maintenance of public morale."

"The German fighter," said the sergeant, "disappeared into clouds, skidding sideways."

No. 4, still higher, avoided three enemy fighters and found another in front of him. He fired five short bursts and watched it go straight down in flames. Then he turned at a second Messerschmidt 109 and disabled it.

No. 5, who was wounded, destroyed a Heinkel.

Nos. 6 and 7 attacked Messerschmidt 109s, saw them disappear with "smoke pouring out."

This Spitfire squadron was able to claim two dive-bombers and four fighters shot down in a few minutes.

In less than an hour the skies over the Kent coast were cleared.



Mecara, M. L. Beavan and E. Himsworth, snapped during last Sunday's Inter-district A.R.P. competition at Shamshulpo.

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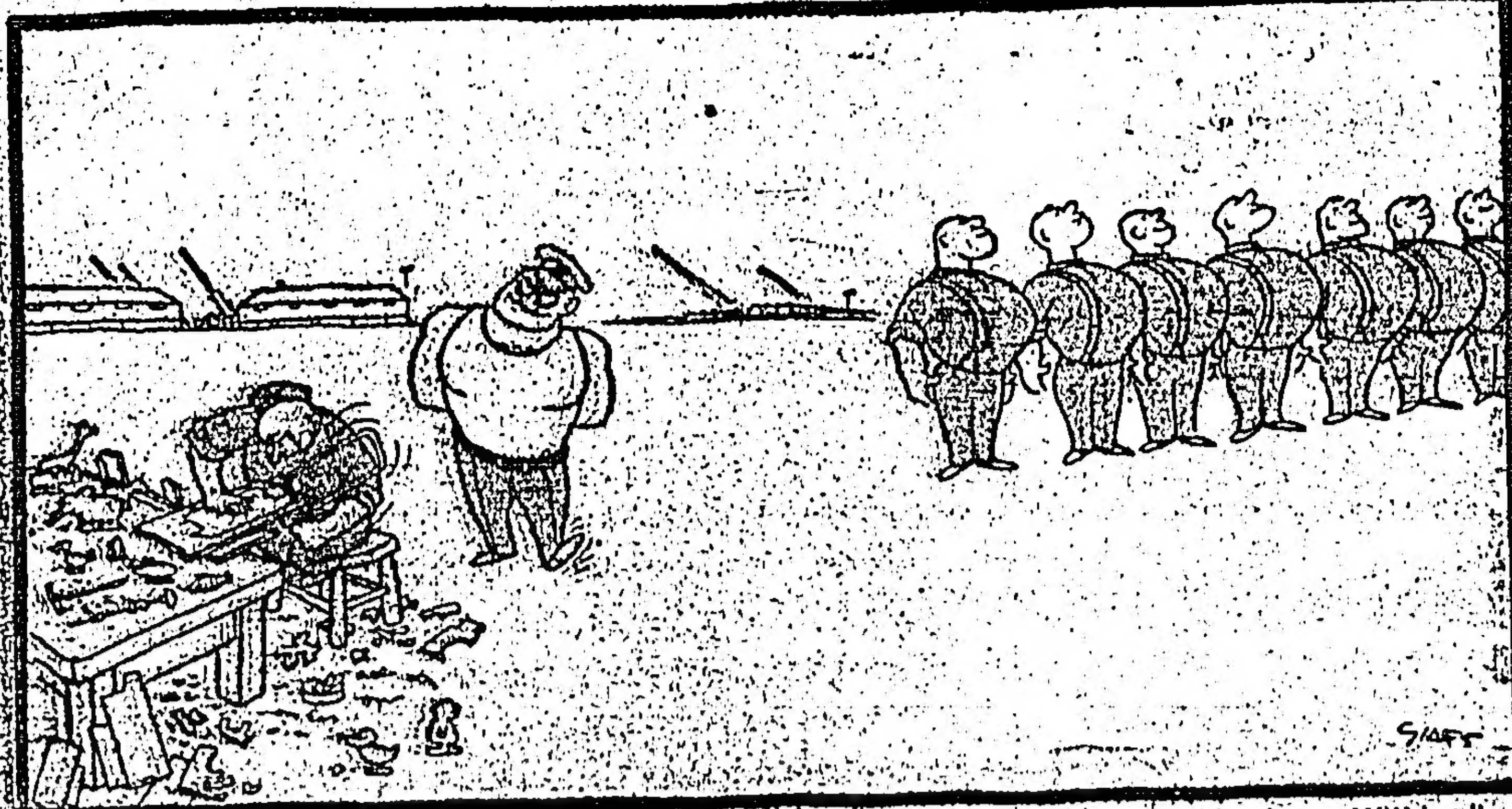
ARMOUR FOR INFANTRYMAN

Report that the British War Inventions Committee is "seriously considering" the possible use of armour of some sort for the protection of individual soldiers looks back to unsuccessful efforts that way, except as to the modern helmet twenty odd years ago. It reminds historically of the time when bullets took the place of arrows, and the feudal system, which one may think of as a miscellany of totalitarian governments whose dictators warred with each other almost as a sport, found itself weakened by loss of the immunity with which armoured men on armoured horses could ride down unarmoured men on foot.

The armoured knight was in effect the medieval tank. He was not completely immune. The arbalest or crossbow hurled its bolt with such vigour that it penetrated armour. But the arbalest had to be wound up, which took time, and was more effective in siege than battle. The later English long-bow, fast and powerful, really foreshadowed musketry in embarrassing a charge of knights.

England knew the value of the long-bow. It won Crécy, Poitiers, and Agincourt. There was at one time a law in England that every man, whatever his station, clergy and judges excepted, should own a long-bow (which meant something longer than himself), keep it ready for use, and provide that his sons should begin practicing archery at the age of 7. England was long a nation of archers, to which condition Macaulay attributes a carefulness of the Tudors not to carry absolutism beyond the limit of public acquiescence.

An armoured knight on foot was almost as useless as a tank without gasoline. From his armoured horse, he looked down figuratively as well as literally on the infantry of archers, crossbowmen, pikemen, and miscellaneous armed villains. It is significant of the change that the present consideration of armour is for the benefit of infantrymen.



"We were rather HOPING you'd be joining us in a little drill this morning Private Wilkins."

The Ghost Of Massey Shaw

He was the chief officer of the London Fire Brigade, during, roughly, the pre-Raphaelite epoch—the elegant, the redoubtable, Massey Shaw. A photograph hangs in the mess room at the Fire Brigade headquarters in Lambeth. You never saw a hand-torn pair of whiskers. They may even have fluttered the bosom of the Great Queen herself. At all events she presented their owner with a fine marble clock that still ticks away on the mantelpiece there.

He was a buddy of the Prince of Wales, too, whom he often entertained at his house at Southwark. He used to send a fast brake for him when a nice juicy fire occurred, and the Prince would change into fire kit and ride to the fire incognito.

They haven't forgotten him at the Fire Brigade, but I suppose he'd have been hardly a name to you and me, if Gilbert hadn't seen to it. Do you remember the Song of the Fairy Queen in "Iolanthe"?

"Oh, Captain Shaw!
Type of true love kept under!
Could thy brigade,
With cold cascade
Quench my great love, I wonder!"

Now, in this latter end of history, the name of Massey Shaw comes before the footlights again. But the footlights are more grandiose than those that flared round the rim of the Savoy Theatre stage. They are the fires of a burning city, of sinking ships, of oil tanks and ammunition dumps blazing like Lucifer's embattled cohorts.

Once more you went fire-fighting oh ghost of Massey Shaw! But those fires were too desperate for you to extinguish them, despite your "two centrifugal pumps capable of delivering 3000 gallons per minute," and your "Sixty 100ft. lengths of 3½ in. hose." (I quote the specifications of the fireboat Massey Shaw, commissioned in 1935, built by Samuel White and Co., of Cowes.)

Half the North Sea could hardly have extinguished them. But you snatched from the jaws of doom many hundreds of gallant lads and men who would have perished but for you. I think that will have pleased you, oh ghost of Massey Shaw, quite a lot more than the footlights of "Iolanthe."

The Massey Shaw is one of the regular fire-fighting floats that the London Fire Brigade keep on the London stretch of the river for use in dockside fires.

She is not built for elegance, but to spout jets of water to put out fires. But it was a good thing, those Dunkirk nights, she was as broad as that; it meant so many more soldiers could be packed in her, flank to flank, sardine-wise.

The Dunkirk "episode," as you might call it with Japanese understatement, was under way. A message came from the Home Office to the Brigade at Lambeth: could they send one of their fireboats, along to Dunkirk? There were quite a number of fires blazing there. Indeed they could.

It was decided to send the Massey Shaw with Station Officer Youngman, one-time Lowestoft fisherman, to take charge. A call was issued for volunteers; 12 men being needed. A little embarrass-

singly, practically the whole of the river service of nearly 400 men volunteered.

It was then decided to divide the honours between the regular Fire Brigade and the Auxiliary Fire Service. (I find the constitution of the six Auxiliaries very engaging: one printer, one stockbroker's clerk, one barrister from Cambridge, one buyer from Houndsditch, one painter, one crane-driver.)

In less than four hours the fantastic little galleon was ready to set out. And then, Dunkirk or no Dunkirk, it was discovered that no one on board had the Port of London authority to pilot a craft below Tilbury.

Armies and empires may be locked in a life-and-death embrace; the very planet may be cracking; but regulations are re-

By
Louis Golding

gulations. So a telephone message was put through from Planches, an amiable and sensitive gentleman, no longer young, who designs medals and manufactures them in a small riverside factory in Lambeth. Would he pilot the Massey Shaw to Ramsgate, and at the end of her adventures, if she survived, would he pilot her back again?

"Where is my hat?" said Mr. Planches, putting down the receiver.

What follows is largely derived from the log book of the Massey Shaw drawn up from hour to hour by Station Officer Youngman during his three journeys to and from Dunkirk . . . on "special service," as his expanded two-sheet report briefly phrases it.

I am not suggesting that the tale of the Massey Shaw is in itself more spectacular than the narrative might be of any of many hundreds of the small boats that fared between Dunkirk and the south-eastern ports in the course of the "episode."

All I say is there is something that for my part I find particularly winning in the performance of the snub little fireboat destined for duties so different in such unlike waters.

I like the thought of that crane-driver, that stockbroker's clerk hauling the patient soldiers aboard under the thud of the bombers' propellers, in the devil's glare of the parachute floats. It may even be I like the thought of Captain Massey Shaw most of all, tugging with one hand at his spectral whiskers and brandishing in the other the ghost of his little hatchet.

"The Massey Shaw passed Dunkirk Harbour on her starboard bow and proceeded towards the beach—about three miles east of the Mole—where there were soldiers of the B.E.F. both on the beach and in the water waiting to be rescued." (The report wastes no time in getting to the heart of the matter.)

"Air battles were in progress, heavy bombs were dropping, and machine-gun fire was taking place all around us. I gave orders for the

crew to take cover to the best advantage. The fireboat was then moored head-on to the beach with C-Q-R. anchor out at the stern, used for kedging, which proved effective.

"A small skiff manned by two men went away with a grass line to the shore. I then approached the crew of a ship lying off at anchor and requested the loan of a small boat, my request being granted. The rocket apparatus was taken this time and as the boat entered the breakers it was fired, but fell short. A man then dived overboard, swam ashore and established the line, but, as operations were in progress, the line parted and had to be re-established.

"The ferrying of troops with the use of the small boat was now in progress and going well. By midnight 60 British troops were brought on board. At this the two motor launches fouled our shore lines, having picked them up with their propellers and, to my great disappointment, after consultation, we were compelled to cut the lines. The two boats with their crews then towed off to their craft and safely moored.

"At 04.00 hours on Saturday, June 1, the Massey Shaw, headed for Ramsgate. The troops were made as comfortable as possible. The weakest were put in the engine-room, cabin and hose-room, while the remainder were placed on deck and covered over with tarpaulin, and we provided refreshments and food to the best of our ability."

Seventeen wounded men, I learned, were accommodated on the metal plates of that engine-room, in a space where I would have thought it difficult to stow a few books. The craft was swimming in blood above and below decks. They have scrubbed hard since, but they have not quite managed to get the stains out yet.

During the journey home the fireboat was followed for several miles by enemy aeroplanes using Verey lights and machine-guns. That is all we are allowed to know about that. It is as if a van were coming up behind with the heavy luggage. Arrived at Ramsgate at 06.45 hours, they discharged their 60 British troops and a quantity of war material . . . Bren guns, gas masks, theodolites. The crew then set fair and rested at about 14.00 hours.

Orders came to sail again two and a half hours later. This time the naval authorities fixed two machine-guns on board and provided rifles. (The first time there had been nothing more formidable than hose-pipes to keep hostile aircraft at bay.) A little healthy ferrying was done on this occasion. Ten boatloads of mixed troops were taken on board (about 500) and transported to two paddle-boats. The Massey Shaw herself brought back a further boatload of troops, and some more theodolites.

Still once more, at 0.40 of the evening of the third day, the fireboat chugged out across the horrific waters, pitted by bombs, lacerated by machine-guns, illuminated by flares from above and blizzards below with hissing phosphorescences. They had less luck this time with their salvaging. The fireboat proceeded along

Co-Ordination Of Our Home Defence Forces

By Brigadier General John Charteris.

There is a clamant need for an authoritative explanation of the system of co-ordination of our home defensive forces. Not only the general public, but serving officers have no precise information on the subject, and the ignorance in localities which are likely to be called upon to function at short notice is highly alarming.

The general definition of responsibility is, of course, known. High-water mark is the dividing line between the spheres of the Army and Navy. The air belongs to the R.A.F. and neither Navy nor Army may interfere in it. The A.R.P. organisation is responsible through the local authorities to the Home Office and to the Ministry of Health for the comforting of the people during operations and for the "clearing of the battle-field" when operations are over.

The Local Defence Volunteers, which calls itself with pride part of the armed forces of the Crown, is organised in areas, zones, and groups which corresponded, it is hoped (although there is no very precise ruling), to similar divisions in the Army hierarchy.

The newly appointed Commander-in-Chief (Sir Edmund Ironside) and his staff, control as far as operations are concerned, all Army organisations, although the administrative services still work direct from the various commands—Aldershot, Eastern, Western, &c.—to the War Office.

Control Of Air Arm

So far this, though somewhat complicated, is not obscure. It is when we begin to examine the relationship of the civil and military and the all-important air branch in detail that confusion threatens. There is, of course, the Naval Air Arm working under the direction of the Navy for naval operations. Similarly there is, or there should be, a portion of the Air Force detached to work with and under the direct orders of the Army Commander-in-Chief. A separate air command co-operating with the Commander-in-Chief cannot be regarded as a satisfactory solution in fighting which proceeds at the pace of modern mechanised warfare. The public has quite enough military knowledge to be anxious on this point, and it is highly desirable that any decision which has been arrived at should be made clear at once to everybody. The knowledge cannot possibly be of any assistance to the enemy.

"When The Balloon Goes Up"

"It is understood that as soon as operations start—"when the balloon goes up"—the A.R.P., the police, the L.D.V., and generally all the local civil authorities will come under the direct control of the local military commanders. It is probably necessary, though somewhat unfortunate, to make an alteration in the chain of command at such a moment, and if the decision has been definitely made then everybody concerned should be clearly told so lest dangerous confusion result at the critical moment. It is essential, for instance, that it should be known who is responsible for the closing of certain roads and railways to all except military vehicles, should the necessity arise, and for the general control of road traffic.

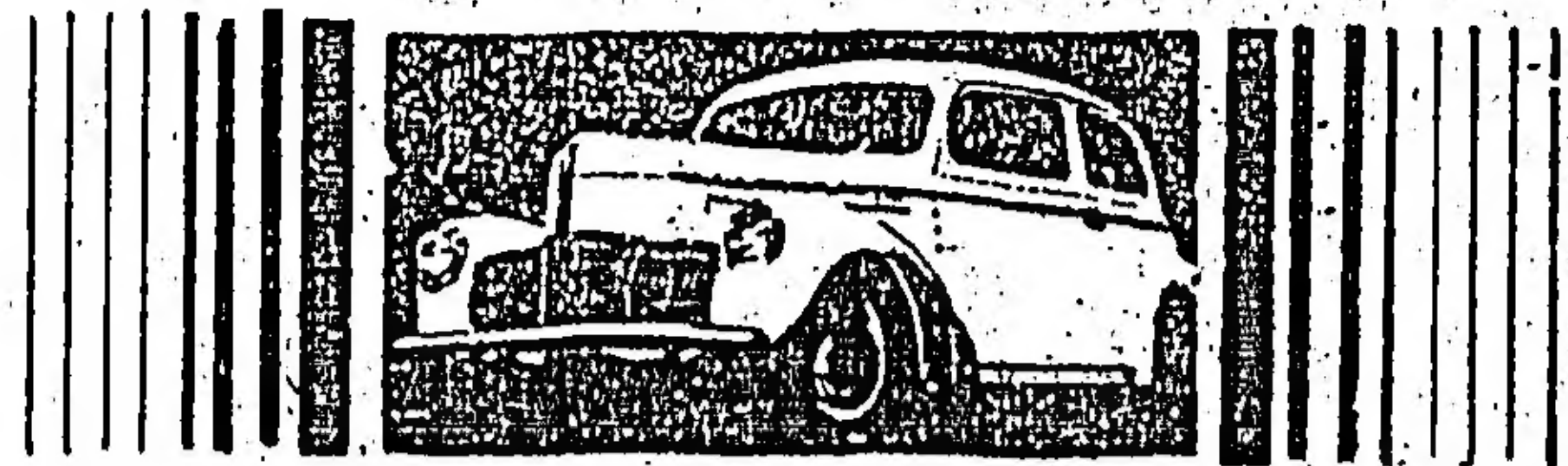
the foreshore but no troops could be seen. Heavy gunfire and air activity was in progress. The Massey Shaw was then taken into Dunkirk harbour and in an attempt to make a rope fast on the Mole one auxiliary fireman was left behind, the fireboat having to make a quick exit. This auxiliary was later taken off the Mole by a troop-carrying vessel. That was the only casualty incurred by the Massey Shaw, and not a serious one.

At 5 o'clock next morning the fireboat took on its river-pilot again, the medal manufacturer, and left Ramsgate for London. The senior officials of the Fire Brigade were there to greet her. She did not look very spruce, I suppose, but they will have forgiven her. "It was all very interesting, really," murmured the Cambridge "later."

"It wasn't all a lark, that wasn't it!" agreed the crane-driver.

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It's a bit early yet, of course, but Lana Turner, Hollywood actress, has already got ready for the December festivities with this "Christmas Hat," which the designer says is "In the Christmas Spirit." Of soft green ostrich feathers, it is dotted with holly berries and has three tiny bells jingling at the crown's peak. A serious effort at "Merry Xmas?"

MANY SHELLS--- NO RESULTS

THE GERMAN GUNS mounted between Calais and Boulogne evidently have a low initial velocity (writes a Naval Correspondent). An amateur time-keeper on the coast gave me the time interval between the flash of the guns and the arrival of a salvo as about a minute.

The Germans were firing two salvos a minute at one time, according to eye-witness reports, but it does not follow that the salvos came from the same guns.

It has been expected for some time past that this form of attack on shipping would develop. When the Germans occupied the French northern coast Goering boasted that "Britain's main seaway to the outer world is now ruled by Germany," and he undoubtedly had in mind the old German military belief that control of land positions gives control of the neighbouring sea. He expected to be able to stop all British shipping passing through the Straits of Dover by means of his land batteries.

It is an entirely erroneous belief. Seaways are controlled by the ships that move along them, except in the case of very narrow waters both shores of which are in the control of one belligerent, as at the Dardanelles.

The first attack by shore batteries against a convoy showed what an immense expenditure of ammunition is called for, and what meagre results are produced. Unofficial descriptions of the bombardment only record as damage to shipping that "that leading ship appeared to be on fire." Even that appearance is understood to have been due to her having thrown overboard a smoke float to hide herself from the German gunners. Use of smoke as a screen for convoys passing through that zone will now be as much a routine as zig-zagging.

Aerial spotting for the gunners by German airmen can be prevented by the Royal Air Force, as was shown when the solitary Nazi reconnaissance plane was driven off. Moreover, aerial spotting when large numbers of guns are firing is rarely accurate. The observer cannot be certain which group of flashes was set up by the shells from which particular groups of guns.

The latest Nazi effort at "blockade" may add to the noise and the excitement for those living on the Kentish coast, but it is unlikely to have much effect on the weekly returns of shipping losses.

AIR-RAID A DANCER ENJOYED

ENGLISH GIRL DANCERS, THROWN INTO AN ITALIAN G.A.O.L. AS POLITICAL SUSPECTS, HEARD FROM THEIR CELL THE WAIL OF SIRENS. THEN CAME THE SOUND OF BOMBS — R.A.F. BOMBS.

There were 500 convicts in that prison. Panic-stricken, they beat on the iron doors and yelled to be let out.

Miss Catherine Dunne, safely home with her parents at Clare Road, Whitstable, after a flight across France, told the press of this prison adventure.

For five months as Dunne had been touring Italy. She was leader of a troupe of dancers from the Folies-Bergere.

Detectives went to their hotel, arrested her and two other girls, and confiscated their money.

As far as Miss Dunne could make out, they were accused of being concerned with gun-running to Greece.

"Our cell was verminous," she said. "We were in gaol for nine days — and the food made me ill."

Heard Cheering

"On June 10, about 6 p.m. we heard cheering. I could hear Ciano speaking over the radio. And later we could hear Mussolini's voice shouting.

"Then I heard the Duce saying they were at war with England and France. His voice was drowned by cheering.

"It was on the next night that the air raid came. I don't like air raids here, but I thoroughly en-

REAL VALUE OF LEAFLET RAIDS

Squadron Leader P. R. Beare, D.F.C., discussing in London the raids on Milan and Turin, said that the weather was so beautiful for flying that every crew found its target and bombed it. He said that they started really big fires there, and that after the raid every man came into the operations room grinning all over his face. Italian opposition he considered poor.

Talking of the bombing of military targets in the Ruhr, he said that every time the British consider that the Nazis "with their well-known efficiency" have restored the damaged parts of the much raided Hamm marshalling yards, back go the bombers to repeat the damage.

He emphasised the value of the early leaflet raids in training crews in night flying, and enabling them now to find targets, whereas the Germans could not. The Germans had not had the same thorough training, and could not get it in war conditions.

NAZI FOOD SUPPLIES

Germany has not seized enough food for a long war despite her conquest of eight countries, according to Col. Edward Wentworth, director of Armour's Livestock Bureau, Chicago.

If Britain can hold off a Nazi invasion he believes that dwindling supplies will hamper the Reich and Italy by October.

Addressing the Army and Navy Club, Col. Wentworth said that Europe's wheat crop would be about 150,000,000 to 200,000,000 bushels below last year's crop. He pointed out that most of Italy's meat supplies came from South America and South Africa. Czechoslovakia was essentially an industrial country and Poland had been devastated by war and drought.

In Denmark pigs and cattle were being slaughtered, leaving little breeding stock. Norway had no food surplus and Holland and Belgium were largely food importing countries which were a potential menace to the German chances of success. France and Spain had no excess food.

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Sort Of Apology

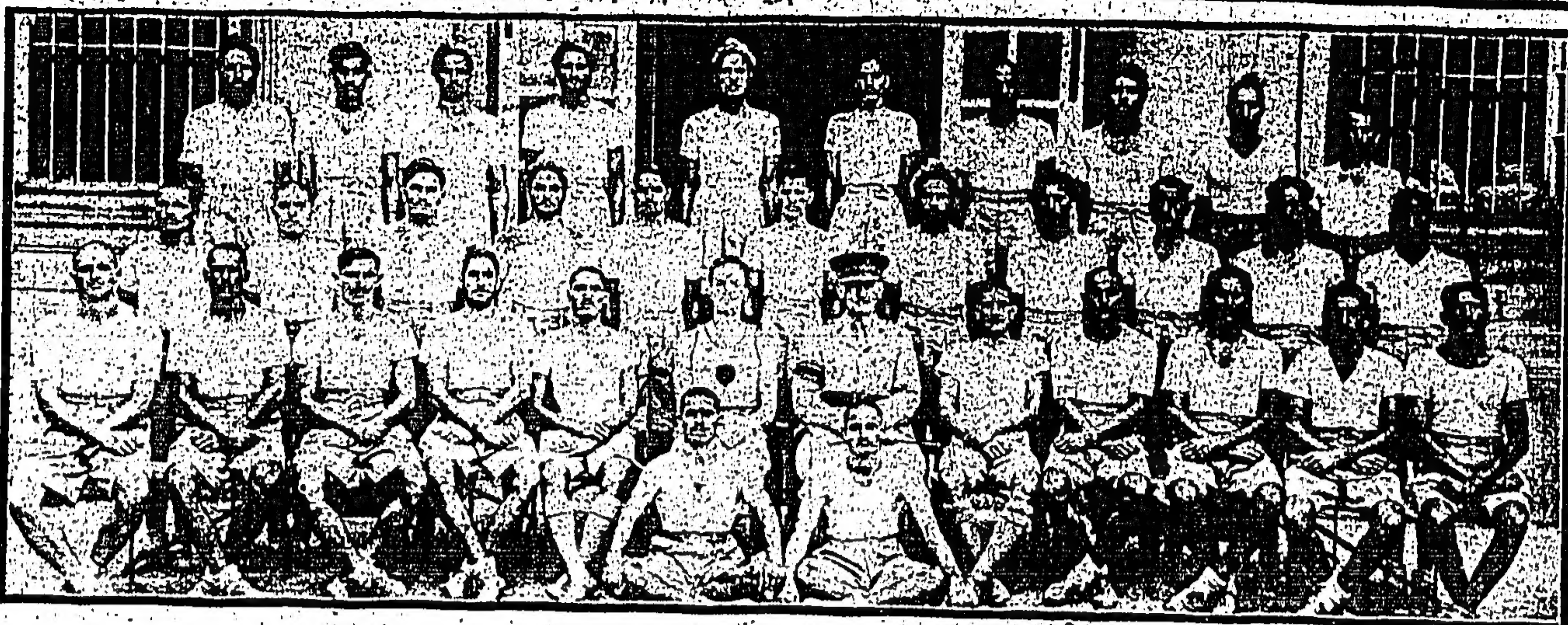
"On June 12 we were taken to the police station and told we should be repatriated, and some sort of apology was offered.

"We were given two hours to pack, but could get none of our belongings from the theatre.

"We learned that the R.A.F. had caught the Italians quite unprepared for raids. The whole town was in a panic. Miss Dunne described how the party reached Lausanne and were quickly sent to Lyons by the British consul. There they joined other British refugees.

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In The Camera's Eye



Group photograph of Junior N.C.O.s undergoing a physical training course held at Mount Austin under the instruction of Captain G. E. Neve, Royal West Kents, Officer i/c course, and Q.M.S.I. A. Pacy, Army P. T. Staff Instructor. (King's Studio).

(Left) — An Inter-district A.R.P. competition was held at Shamshulpo on Sunday. Wing Commander A. H. Steele - Perkins, Director A.R.P., may be seen second from right, with M. L. Beavan, checking on reports.

Flight-Lieutenant R. A. B. Learoyd, who was recently awarded the Victoria Cross.

(Below Left) — Spectators at the Open Pairs Final held at the Kowloon Football Club on Sunday last. They were delighted by one of the most brilliant matches of the season.



Group taken at the wedding last week of Mr. Li Fok Fai and Miss Ng Kit Yuk. (King's Studio).

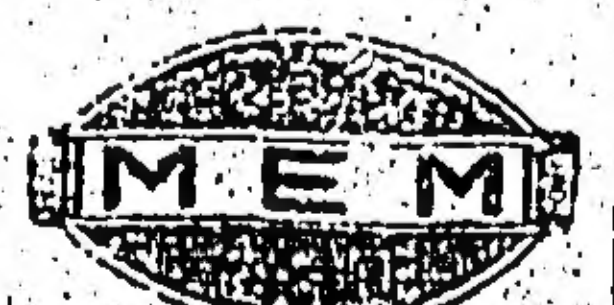
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SHORT STORY

A Lucifo Match by Arthur Morrison

PERSONS with a choice of several names are not common outside the peerage; but some of them—wholly unconnected with any peer—are to be discovered in London crowds, though discovery is not what they are there for. Crowds, in fact, attract them, from the circumstance that whatever the number of individuals in a crowd, there are sure to be several times that number of pockets, mostly with something in them; and a pickpocket who has once been convicted finds a change of name a wise precaution. So we arrive at Johnson.

It chanced that Johnson stood in quite a small crowd—perhaps of twenty—that stared at a shop window in Oxford Street. He had only been Johnson for a week, poor fellow, since emerging from some months' retirement, and as yet the name did not sit easily. He had to keep it continually in mind, lest in some unforeseen emergency he might call himself Jones, or Barker, or Jenkinson, any one of which was dangerous, and had been discarded in its turn for that reason; always after just such another holiday as that he had lately dis enjoyed.

Johnson was a mild person—not at all the sort of man whom one might suppose to be a pickpocket—which was fortunate, of course, for Johnson. He was a meek, rather timid body, whose tastes would have been domestic if he had been a family man, and he would have been a family man if it were not for the expense. He was temperate, thrifty, and inoffensive; he shrank with horror from the idea of anything violent, such as burglary or work; he had no vices, no particular abilities, and only one small talent: he could pick a pocket very well indeed. Altogether, Johnson was an unusually virtuous thief.

He stood in a small crowd in Oxford Street, as I have said, and while the small crowd stared at the shop window because of some

new idea of the shopkeeper's, Johnson considered pockets according to ideas of his own; having a natural human preference for the easiest pocket in the most sumptuous habilliment.

He felt himself much drawn toward a man in an "immensikoff"—a fur-lined overcoat—which was quite the most magnificent garment in the crowd.

The large side-pocket of the "immensikoff" gaped invitingly and, though outside overcoat-pockets were barren as a rule, this was so very easy that it was wasting a chance not to try it. So Johnson placed himself against the pocket and tried, with unexpected success.

For indeed, at the bottom of that pocket reposed a purse—not at all what one might expect to find there. In an instant that purse was transferred to the outside pocket, so closely adjacent, of Johnson's light overcoat; and then Johnson paused for a moment, ostentatiously scratching his cheek with the guilty hand, and staring with rapt eyes at the window, till he judged it expedient to edge gently away and evaporate from the little crowd.

He strolled easily to the next turning turned up it with quicker steps, and so into a quieter cross street. Here he paused, plunged his hand into his side-pocket, and—found it empty.

His chin fell, and he stood amazed. There was no doubt of it—this was the pocket into which he had dropped the purse, and now there was nothing there.

He felt in the opposite pocket—needlessly, for he clearly remembered working with his right hand, and with his right side-pocket against the left pocket of the "immensikoff". There was nothing now in either of his side-pockets, though he raked them through with anxious fingers.

And then everything inside him bounced at the sudden touch of a hand on his shoulder. He shrank and turned, and found himself



confronted by the man in the fur-lined coat.

The man was grinning at him with sardonic politeness, and Johnson did not like him at all. He was tall and broad and dark, while Johnson was small and narrow and pale. The stranger's black moustache was waxed into long spikes, which pointed toward the outward edges of the flat brim of a very tall hat, and gave a touch of the unearthly to his grin; and in his hand he extended toward Johnson a metal box—Johnson's own tobacco-box, in truth, which he now remembered to have left in that same side coat-pocket.

"How do you?" said the sardonic stranger. "Were you feeling in your pocket for this?"

Johnson's panic impulse was to deny his tobacco-box utterly, but the stranger's black eyes were piercing his very brain, and he felt it useless. He took the box that was forced on him, and gasped unintelligibly he was extremely obliged, and didn't know he had dropped it; but he never remembered what he did say.

"I believe some sneaking thief picked your pocket," said the stranger, his grin growing fiercer. "Open it and see if anything's missing."

Johnson began a mumble that it was all right and of no consequence and didn't matter, but the eyes and the satanic grin compelled him, and he sprang the lid. Instantly there arose from within a gigantic creature with horns, which ran across his hand on horrid clawed legs, and made for his sleeve. Johnson squeaked like a rat, and flung box and insect to the ground together. He had a feminine horror of crawling things and had never seen a stag-beetle before.

The stranger snatched the box as it fell, and brushing roughly against Johnson skillfully scooped up the insect from the pavement.

"What?" he said. "Do you mean to say it wasn't yours, at all? And yet you wanted to take it? Is there anything else in those pockets of yours that doesn't belong to you? Show me!"

"No, sir! Nothing at all, sir, upon my solemn duty!" wailed Johnson in terror. For the eyes and the grin were fiercer than ever. "Nothing at all, sir!" protested Johnson, pulling out the pocket-linings. And there, as the right-hand pocket came inside-out, emerged the stranger's purse. "Liar!" cried the dark man. "Thief! That is my purse!"

He snatched it away and opened it, while Johnson stood helpless in amazement; with his pockets protruding on each side.

"See!" pursued the stranger, thrusting the open purse under his nose. "My purse, with my money in it! What about that?"

Instinct brought a jumbled defence to Johnson's lips. "Quite a mistake—wouldn't think of such a thing, being a gentleman himself. Accident that might happen to anybody—a lot of trouble in the family lately"—and so on.

"What's your name?" snapped the stranger. It disconcerted Johnson more than anything else to see that this slender person was grinning more than ever, while his unavoidable eyes seemed to divine more about Johnson than even Johnson ever knew. "What's your name?" he demanded.

"Jones!" spluttered the thief, in a panic. "Barker!—no, Jenkinson!—mean Johnson!"

"Oh, I see!" the stranger replied; and now his moustache and his grin changed each other to the very tips of his ears. "See, Jones, alias Barker, alias Jenkinson, and at present Johnson. Last

conviction under the name Jenkinson?"

"Wasn't exactly a conviction, sir, I assure you," protested the sweating pickpocket. "The judge's mistake entirely—quite a misunderstanding; and the commonest watch you ever see; not worth a bob!"

"And what did you get? A year?"

"No, sir—nothing of the kind. It's a wicked slander, sir, when anybody says it was a year. Not a day more than nine months, I give you my solemn word!"

"After a dozen previous convictions?"

"No, sir—that's another slander; anybody as told you that is trying to take my character away. There wasn't more than seven, sir, or eight at the very most. It's 'ard to be scandalised like that, sir!"

"Shocking!" The stranger had slipped his purse away and now had his hand on Johnson's shoulder, with finger and thumb taking a good nip of his coat-collar. "Only seven or eight convictions! Poor chap! you shall have another at once. Come along!"

"No, indeed, sir—let me alone! On my solemn duty, sir, it was all a mistake! I dunno how the purse got there!" And it surprised Johnson to find himself offering an excuse with such a deal of truth in it.

The stranger's grin relaxed a little, and his voice grew more business like. "Very well," he said. "Come with me for an hour and I won't charge you. But don't you displease me, my virtuous friend!" The grin flickered up again. "Don't you displease me, or you'll go back to as long a dose of gaol as I can get you, mind that! You shall buy your release on my terms. Come along! but first stuff those pockets in again."

Johnson obeyed, and walked by the side of his persecutor in a maze of sickening bewilderment. Could he be really awake? The whole thing was uncommonly like a hideous nightmare, down to the very beetle. He had the most distinct recollection of his shock of surprise at finding his coat-pockets empty; yet he had put the purse there, and there it proved to be after all.

The thing was the more like a dream, because his efforts to remember made it all seem like something that had occurred a long time ago. And he would doubtless have believed it a nightmare and made some desperate effort to wake himself, were it not for the fact that the gloating stranger most palpably had him by the arm as they walked through the back streets, and now and again put a question of such a pungent and penetrating nature that demanded all Johnson's waking wits to meet it.

Such wits as Johnson had were barely sufficient for the needs of his trade, and now they were oppressed by a feeling that he was being "got at" in some unfathomable manner; for indeed the satanic stranger chuckled gaily to himself as the torment went on.

Their way led through numerous back streets, which Johnson was too disconcerted to recognise, even if he knew them; and at last they stopped before a very blank and secret-looking door in a tall building that had no more than two other openings in it, and those windows, small and high.

The stranger opened the door with a latchkey, never looking at the key, but always at Johnson, with that embarrassing grin unaltered, unless it were now a little less fierce and a little more whimsical. The door revealed nothing but a dark passage, into which Johnson was pushed without ceremony.

The place smelt damp, and on the whole strikingly like a cell in a police station; a fact which gave the prisoner's terrors a more definite turn. The door closed behind them and left them wholly in the dark; and Johnson, seized by the arm, was thrust stumbling and staggering along the passage till he emerged on a spot only a degree less obscure, where nothing was discernible but some vast construction of square beams that vanished into blackness above. Here the stranger paused, and groping in the gloom among the beams, flung open another door.

"Get in there," he said, "and sit down. I shan't want you for an hour. You can go to sleep if you like."

Johnson obediently stumbled into the dark opening, and the door slammed behind him with a bang and a sharp click. It was blacker than ever, but at least he was alone for a space, and might collect his faculties. He reached about him, and had no difficulty in finding the walls of his prison; for in fact they were scarce a yard apart in any direction. It seemed that he was in a wooden cupboard, with a ledge for a seat. He sat on the ledge and wondered.

Imprisonment was not wholly a novelty, though this was certainly the darkest cell he had ever inhabited, and the smallest. There was to be an hour's respite, it seemed, but he was mighty uneasy as to what would happen at the end of the hour. He thought again of that horrible beetle, and the clothes tingled on his skin at the recollection; till he began to rub himself all over. Heavens! if there were more of them in this place!

He jumped to his feet, shook himself and stamped, and then bethought him of his match-box. He found it and spilt it, stooped for it hurriedly, butted his head into one side of the cupboard, and his opposite end into the other, and came to the floor in a heap.

"Now then, keep quiet in there!"

The voice was a strange one—certainly not that of the dark man—and it came from—where? No—where about him, but apparently from somewhere above, though even of this he was not certain. Surely there was no possibility that he could be watched in this unspeakable darkness! He groped painfully, found a match, groped again, and found the box to strike it on.

The light was a great relief, for it revealed the fact that at least the place was free from visible insects. He could see now that his cell was wooden—top, bottom, and sides, and then came burned fingers and sudden darkness. He lit another match, and satisfied himself that there was no cranny, nor even a keyhole, through which peeping was possible; then he lit another to pick up those remaining, and another after that.

"Now then!" came the voice again. "Leave off strikin' them matches!"

Johnson stopped, bumped his head again, and scrambled to his seat. Then he found courage to speak. "I say—" he began.

"You stow that row, d'year? Shut up."

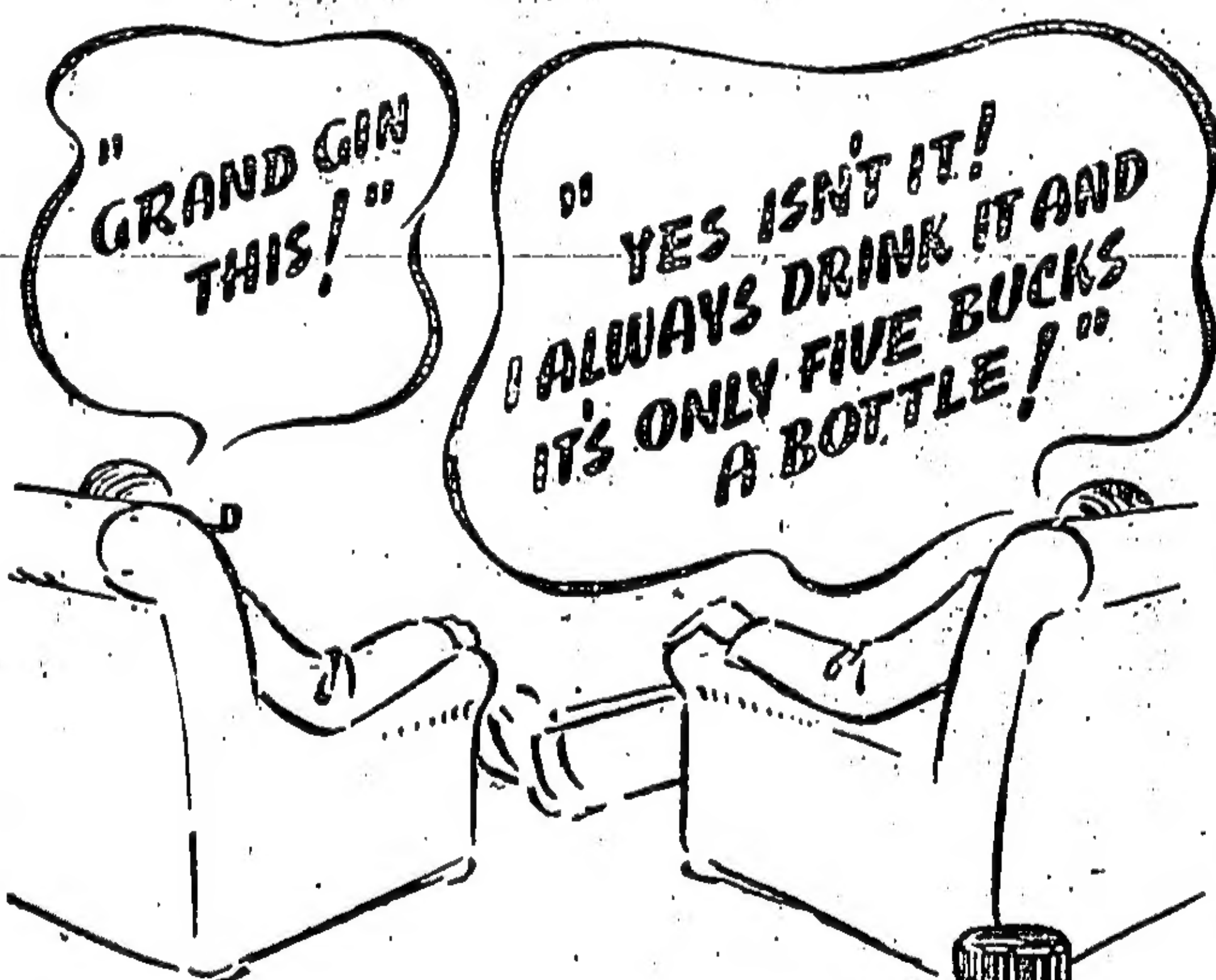
The prisoner said no more, but waited. Strange noises reached his ear from some far-away part of the building, and a little nearer there were subdued creakings. He began to remember stories of mysterious rooms that closed up and crushed men imprisoned in them; of weighted ceilings that fell; of chambers slowly filled with poisonous gas.

As he sat he began to tremble; and as the minutes passed he felt himself growing desperate with fear. He wished he had allowed himself to be handed to the police, for at least he knew what that meant. But now—he could not endure much longer. He had made up his mind, come what might, to shout his loudest for help; when, as he stood feeling the hundredth time for the door-latching, he was suddenly flung backward and down, confusedly realising that the cupboard was shooting up bodily. Was the thing a lift?

It stopped with a jerk, and the prisoner, recovering his legs, was aware of a loud and now familiar voice. There was a tap at the door, and a click; and instantly it flew open, and Johnson was blinded by a flood of light and deafened by a roar of sound.

Hundreds of faces stared at him from a great hall, as many voices shouted a delighted greeting, and twice as many hands clapped loud applause. The cupboard stood open on a brilliantly lighted stage, and by it stood the sardonic stranger in evening dress, with a black wand in his hand; while Johnson, gasping and dishevelled, blinked and cowered helplessly.

"Ladies and gentlemen," cried the conjurer. "I have the honour to introduce Mr. Johnson, alias Jones, alias Barker, alias Jenkinson, the eminent pickpocket. You will remember that when I enclosed the lady in the cabinet, I promised you quite a new and original demonstration to the performance—something never before seen." (Continued on page 9)



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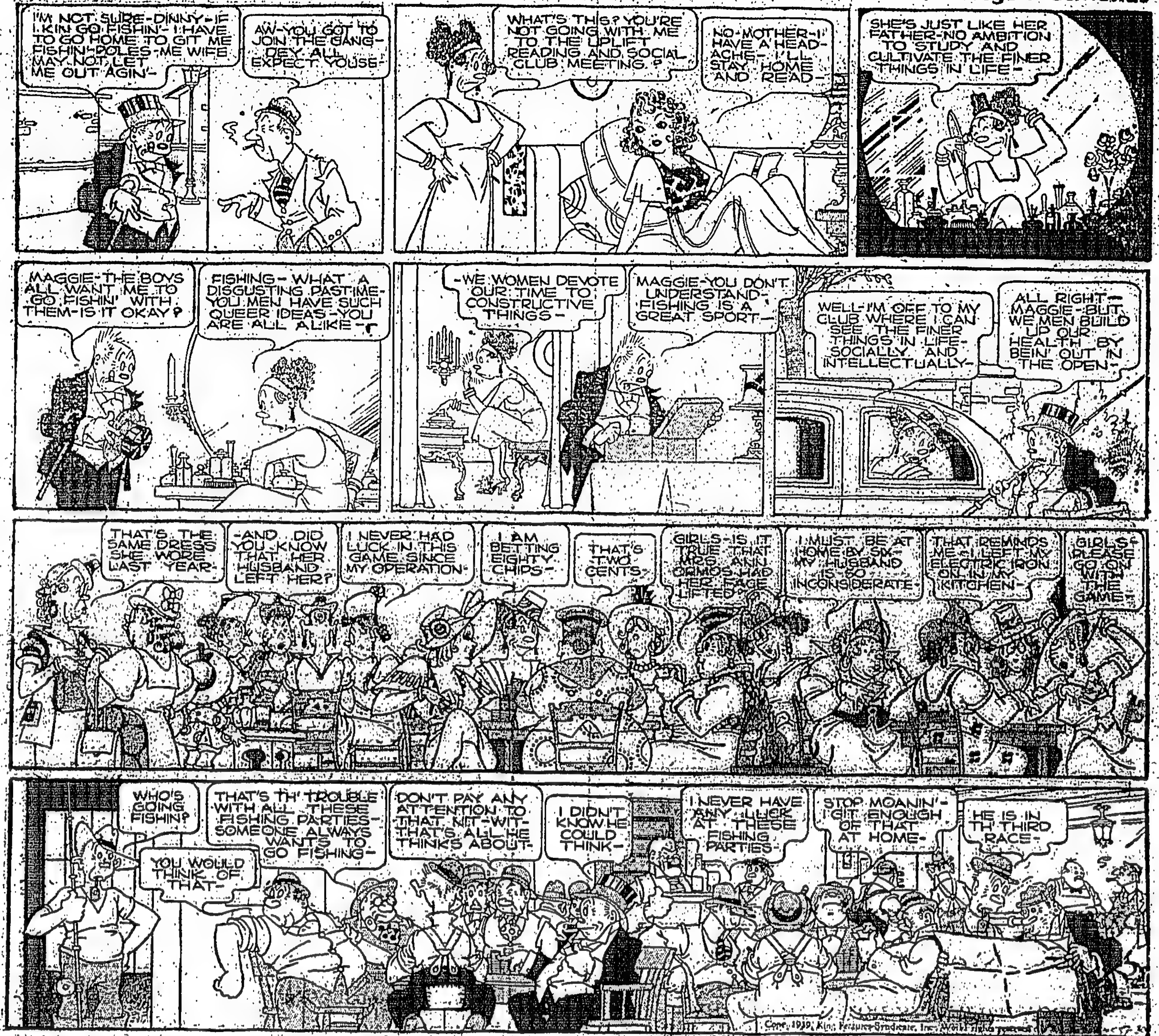


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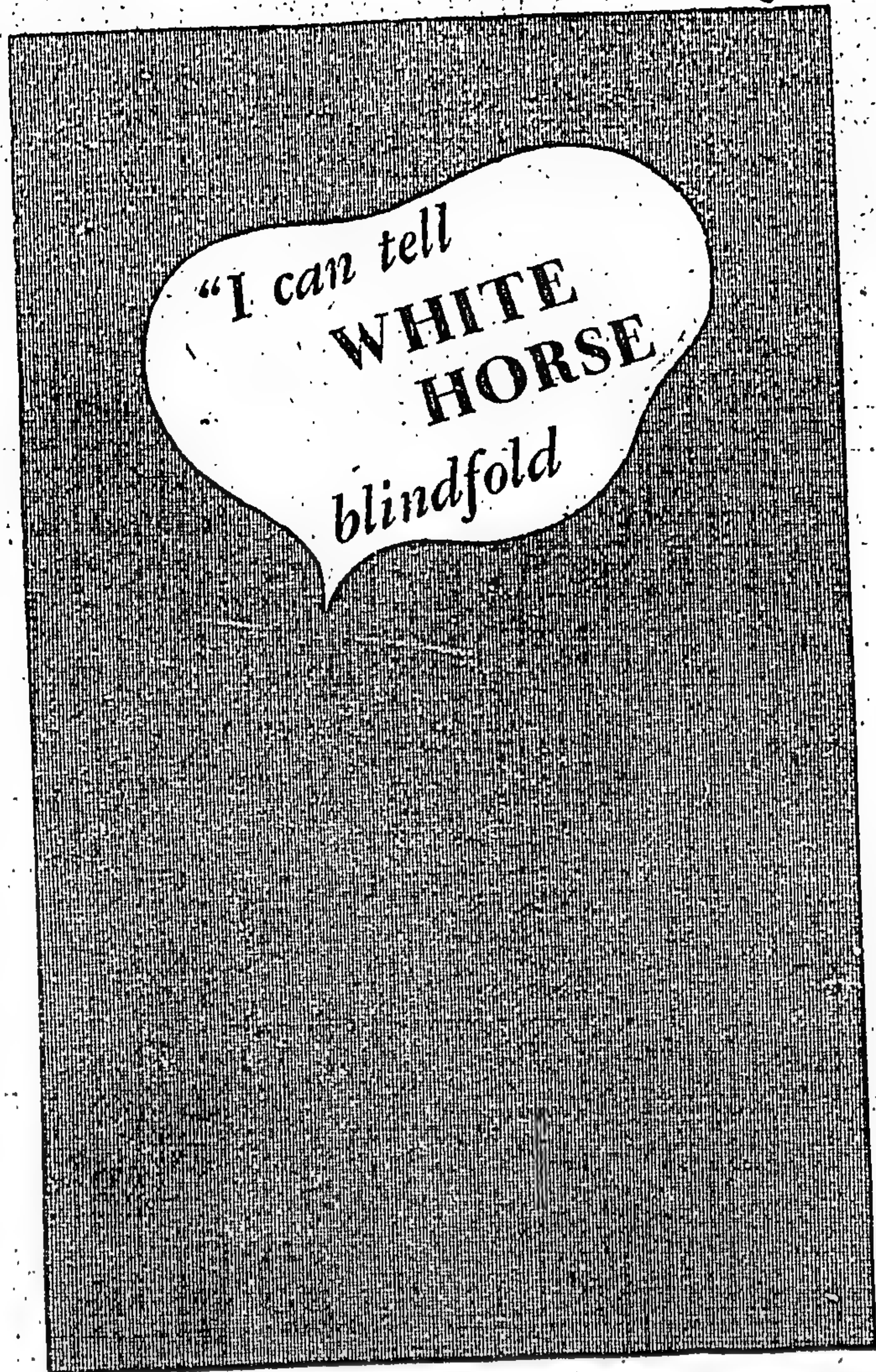
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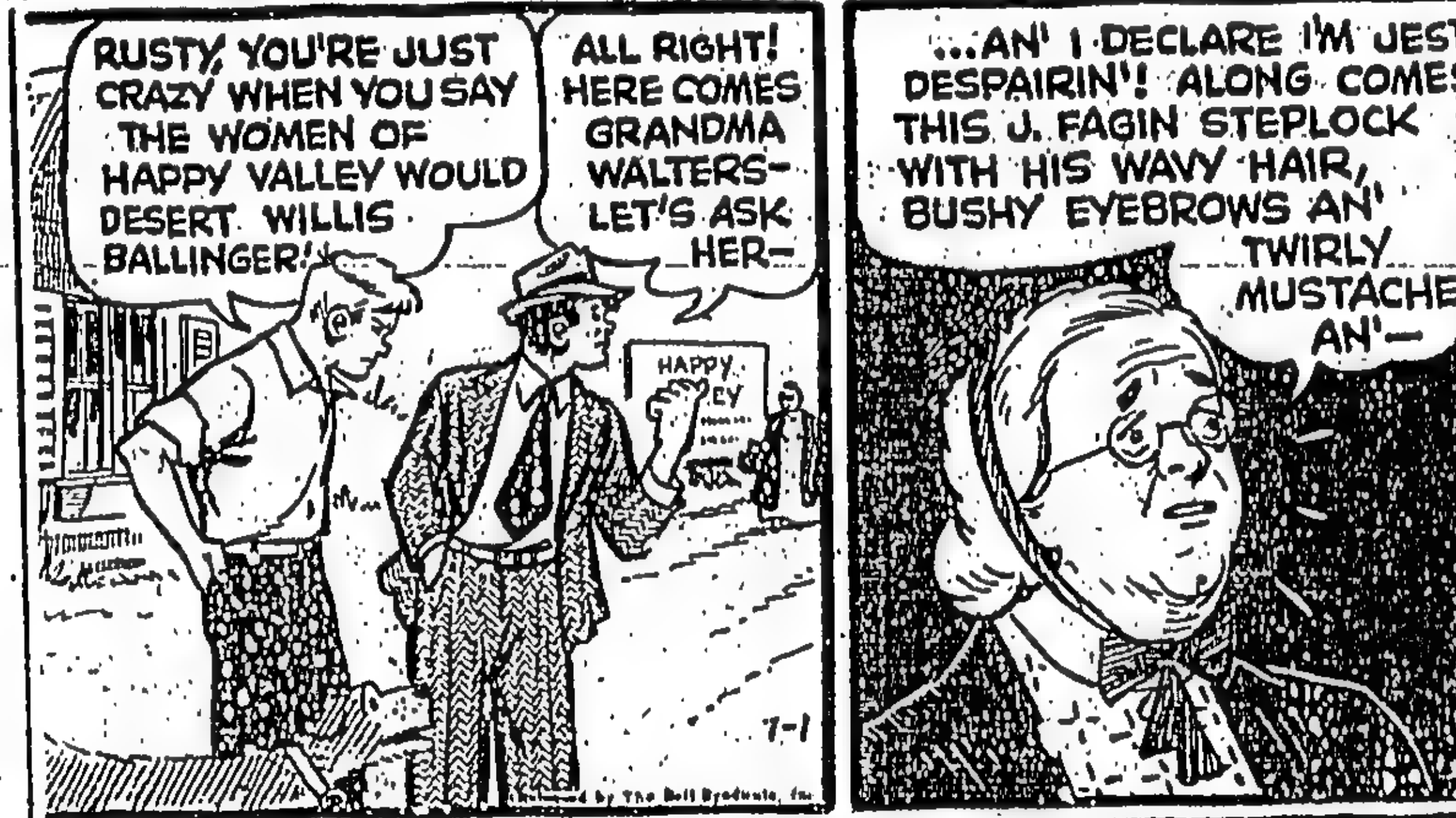
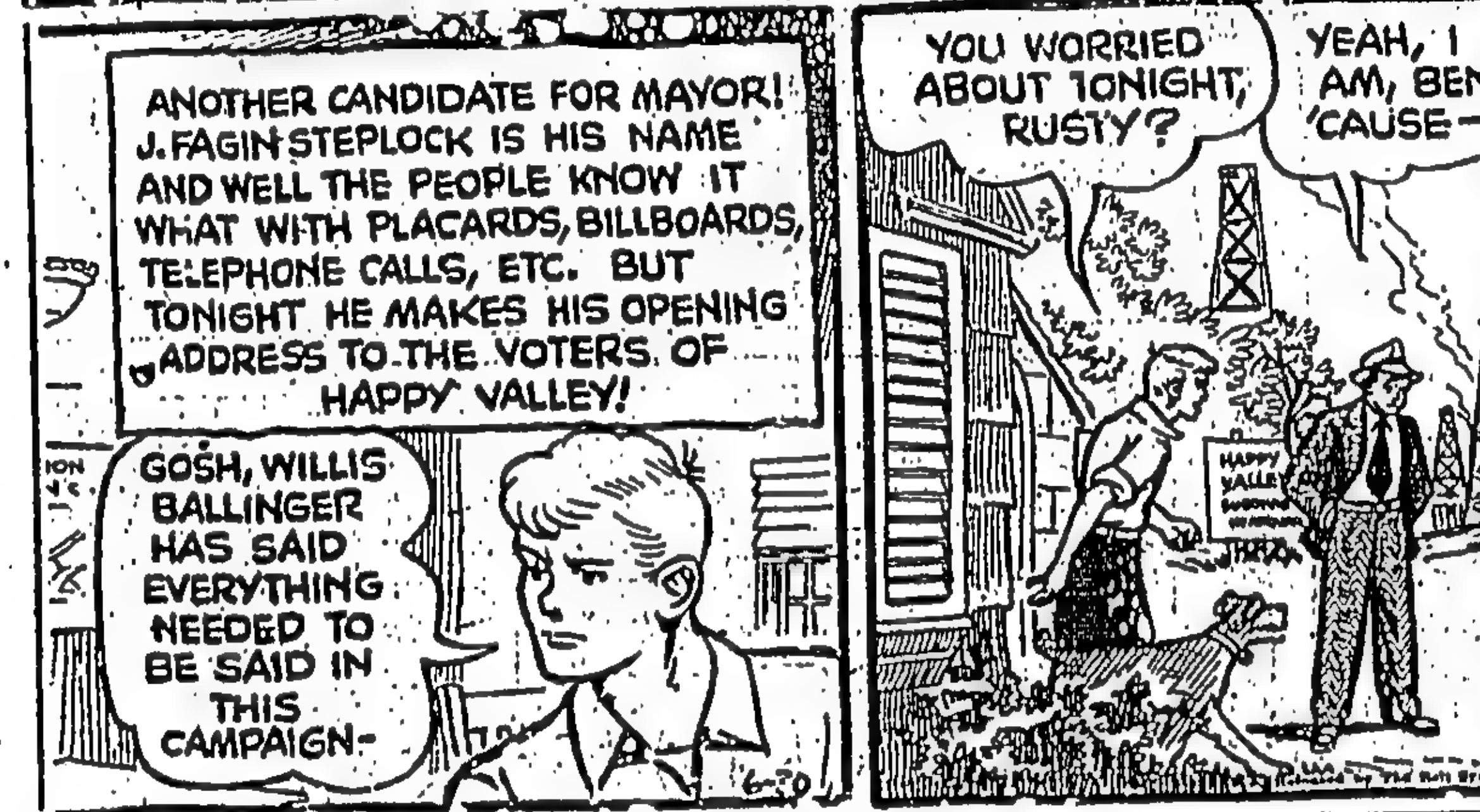
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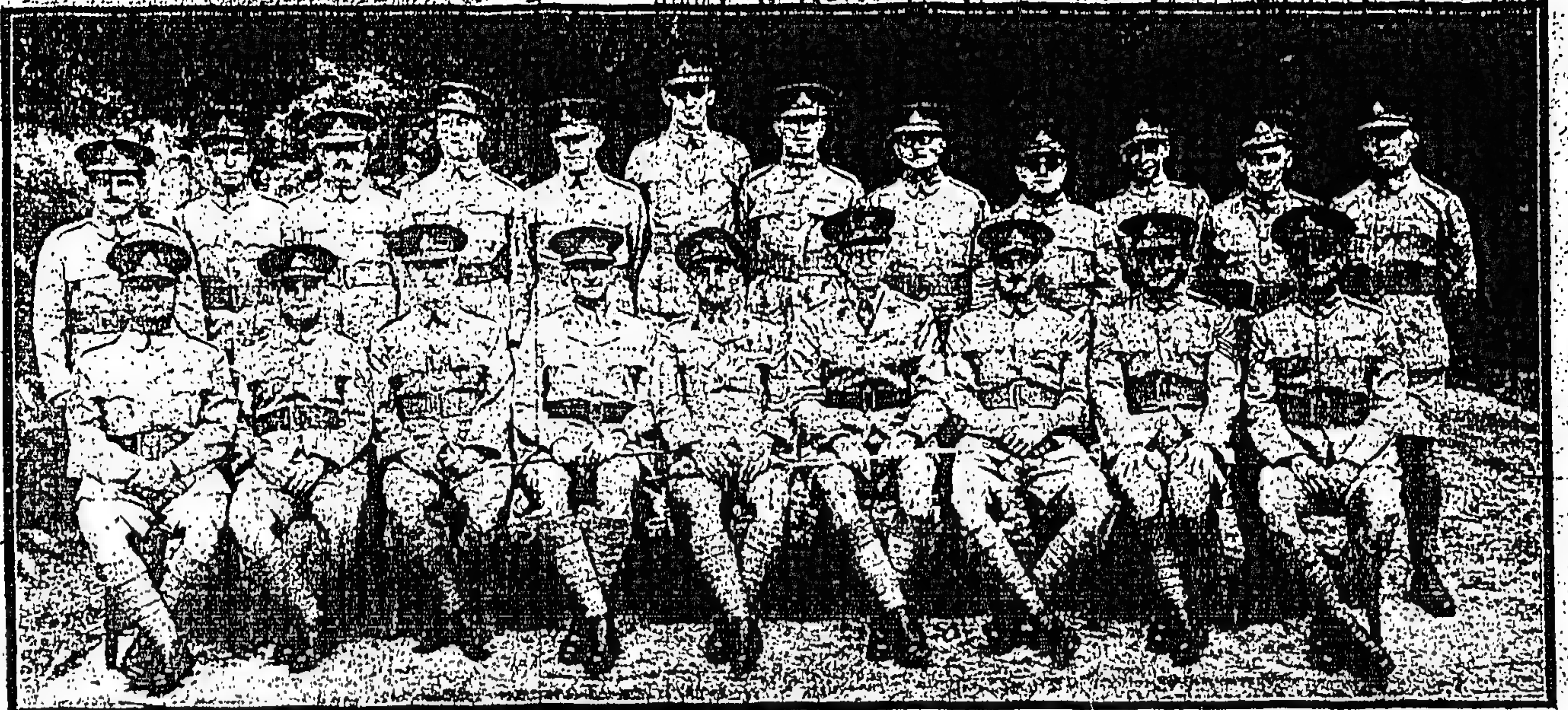
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Group photograph of Officers and Men of the Pay Section, H.K.V.D.C., with Captain de Sallie Robertson in the centre. (King's Studio).

FROM PAGE TWO

A Lucifo Match

attempted.

"I think I have fulfilled my promise. Not only has the lady disappeared, but by an extraordinary application of occult natural forces I have brought into her place a pickpocket snatched this moment from his nefarious practices in Oxford Street. You observe his confusion? What more natural? But two minutes ago his hand was in the pocket of an eminent and distinguished gentleman, much like myself in appearance, seeking that gentleman's purse. In an instant—whist! he finds himself placed before you on this stage, half a mile off."

"Ladies and gentlemen, it is just possible that some among you suspected the lady who disappeared of being a confederate of mine; but I defy anyone of you to call this man a confederate. Does he look like it? Does he look as though he came here on purpose? Has he the calm, self-possessed, happy smiling appearance natural to any man who has the good fortune to be in my employment?"

Look at him. Some gentleman who has ever had his pocket picked may remember him; if any of you are connected with the police you are sure to know him. He has been brought up at half the police courts in London and has been convicted at the Old Bailey and the Sessions House over and over again. He has just completed nine months' board and residence at this country's expense, under the name of Jenkins; if he hadn't changed his name he'd have got more.

"Are you quite convinced, ladies and gentlemen, that he is not a confederate? Any test you like to suggest will be applied. Is there any lady present he has ever robbed who would like to stick a bonnet-pin into him? Don't hesitate—you are quite welcome, I assure you. Come now, I wish you would. You see, under the Employers' Liability Act, I am liable for any injury occurring to people I employ, but I don't care

what happens to this chap. Come now, let me persuade you. Isn't there any dear, kind lady present, who will oblige me by sticking a bonnet-pin into this criminal, just to oblige me? It doesn't matter whether he has robbed you or not—I don't mind. He'd rob you if he could, you know. Here he is."

He seized the wretched Johnson by the collar, and thrust him forward. "I always find ladies very obliging," he went on. "Surely, you won't all be so unkind as to refuse just to stick him with a bonnet-pin while I hold him? Just to help me convince the company, now?"

There were laughs and titters, and the conjurer whispered from behind: "All right, you fool, they won't do it." Then he proceeded aloud: "You won't? Not one of you? Then I shall have to try something else. I'm always glad to introduce a novelty into my performance, and I think you'll admit that this is the first time a real live pickpocket has ever been brought upon the stage in this extraordinary manner."

"Having got him here it would be a pity to waste him, wouldn't it? Very well. I will proceed to try a little experiment with a view to showing how dishonesty would be dealt with in this country, if I were Prime Minister."

"Will any ladies and gentlemen in the company oblige me by the loan of a few small articles of value? A few rings, a watch, a gold pencil-case—anything of that sort, you know. I'm sure I shan't have to wait long for things like that with such a high-class audience as this."

"Come now—thank you, sir; a ring, a valuable diamond ring from a gentleman in the second row. Yes? Thank you, madam—a locket. A gold watch? I should like a gold watch—and so would Mr. Johnson, I am sure."

"Here it comes—thank you, sir. A gold pencil-case—two more rings, a chain, and a silver match-box; thank you—thank you. I think that will do; we mustn't risk too much on a first experiment, you know. Now I should like some gentleman from the company to assist me by placing these articles in Mr. Johnson's pockets, in full sight of the house. Will you sir? Thank you; just step up here."

"Now, will you please take the articles one by one from the table, and place them separately in any of the criminal's pockets you choose. Well in sight of the company, mind. Stand a little aside—that's it—so that everything shall be perfectly clear."

"I need hardly assure you, ladies and gentlemen, that this gentleman is no confederate of mine. I do not invite you to test it by sticking a bonnet-pin into him—he is a good deal bigger than Johnson, and it might not be safe. I am sure you will accept his word of honour from a gentleman of his size."

The gentleman approached Johnson and followed the conjurer's instructions, and the conjurer, from a little way off, reported the bestowal of each article aloud. "Gold watch in right-hand waistcoat-pocket; diamond ring in left-hand waistcoat-pocket; chain

in inside coat-pocket; and so forth."

As for Johnson, he began to feel a good deal happier. He resented the indignities to which he had been subjected, of course, but, after all, he had expected something much worse than this.

All the bewilderment and anxiety of the earlier part of the adventure were at an end now, and all was plain enough. The conjurer had scored heavily. It was true, and the effect of Johnson's appearance in the cabinet, agitated and panic-stricken, was something altogether beyond the possibilities of ordinary preparation and rehearsal.

But Johnson's relief was immense, and now the novel experience of having his pockets voluntarily stuffed with valuables was rather pleasant than otherwise. Johnson was himself again, and vastly on the alert for fresh moves in the game.

The gentleman descended from the platform, and the conjurer came forward.

"Now, ladies and gentlemen, he said, 'you have seen the articles safely—or shall we say unsafely?—placed in the thief's pockets. But to make everything perfectly plain and to identify the owner of each I will just rapidly run over them again. This ring, sir—you see it? You are sure you identify it? It is your property, and you will remember that it is in the left-hand waistcoat-pocket, where I carefully replaced it, as you see. The watch—that is yours, sir; you may examine it again, if you please. No? Well, you will bear in mind that it is in the thief's right-hand waistcoat-pocket. There it is. This chain—the owner of this chain may see that no substitution has been made—is in the inside coat-pocket, on the left. Remember that, please."

The company, vastly interested, watched the apparent return of each trinket, but Johnson knew better. Nothing but the conjurer's fingers entered each pocket in turn, and nothing remained there at all.

Somewhere within the breast of the conjurer's coat was a spot over which his fingers flickered instantaneously after each pocket was done with, and when at last he turned away, ostentatiously dusting his fingers with his pocket-handkerchief after the contamination of Johnson, the handkerchief also flickered over that same spot. So much Johnson observed with eyes trained by use in all matters concerned with pockets.

The conjurer stepped between Johnson and the company, putting his pocket-handkerchief into his coat-tail pocket, and Johnson saw that something black went with it.

"Now, ladies and gentlemen," said the conjurer, "the experiment I am about to make is one of the greatest interest to every law-abiding person. I propose to show you now, by proper scientific precautions known only to myself, all the all dishonesty, may be rendered, ineffectual and useless."

Gesticulating and bowing elegantly as he spoke, the conjurer stepped so closely before Johnson that only one thing could happen, and that was inevitable. Johnson

had nothing but one small talent, as I have said: he could pick a pocket very well indeed—probably better than the conjurer. He picked one now. The black thing was a little velvet bag, soft and flimsy, as Johnson felt when it was safely in his own pocket. And the conjurer, with all eyes on him, went on.

"Just consider, now, how valuable my process would be to the Government of this country. Half the police force might be disbanded and most of the magistrates pensioned off. People like our friend John, alias Jones, alias Barker, alias Jenkins, would have to turn honest or starve. Now for the experiment."

He turned and caught Johnson once more by the collar.

"Here, you see, is the pickpocket whom I brought straight out of Oxford Street by the exercise of the wonderful scientific law to which I have alluded. Here he is, with your valuables in his pocket, as you have observed with your own eyes. Now I shall send Johnson away—turn him out, kick him out—from this place and let him run where he likes; and when he is gone I shall endeavour by my scientific process to bring your valuables back here, just as I brought Johnson himself, and restore them to you in a way that I hope will surprise you."

"Now, Johnson, alias Jones, alias Barker, alias Jenkins, out you go, and keep what you've got if you can! Ladies and gentlemen, you will agree that I could not afford to kick a confederate—he would give me away. So as a guarantee of good faith I kick Johnson off the platform. Hall porter! Run this man off the premises and never let him come here again!"

He swung Johnson to the end of the platform, thrust him over the edge with a hand and foot, and stood bowing and waving his wand as the porter bundled the victim out. "Good-bye, Mr. Johnson!" cried the conjurer; "good-bye! Run as hard as ever you can!"

As soon as Johnson reached the street he obeyed this order with all the strength of his legs, barely observing from the corner of his eye that the front of the hall was covered with posters announcing afternoon and evening performances by the great Lucifo, the wizard of Andalusia.

And when he had run some distance he turned into a dark entry and there, disentangled from the velvet bag the gold watch, the three rings, the chain, the gold pencil-case and the silver match-box.

"He was mighty anxious," reflected Johnson, "for some proof that I wasn't his pal. Well, he's got it now, and I hope he's satisfied."

For some days Johnson never ventured out till after dark; but his days at home were not dull, for he had bought a small collection of newspapers, wherefrom he derived solace and chuckles as he read and read again under the headings: "Riotous Scene at an Entertainment," "Extraordinary Scene at St. Basil's Hall," "Serious Attack on a Conjurer," and in the case of one irresponsible paper, "Lucifo Lamentably Left."

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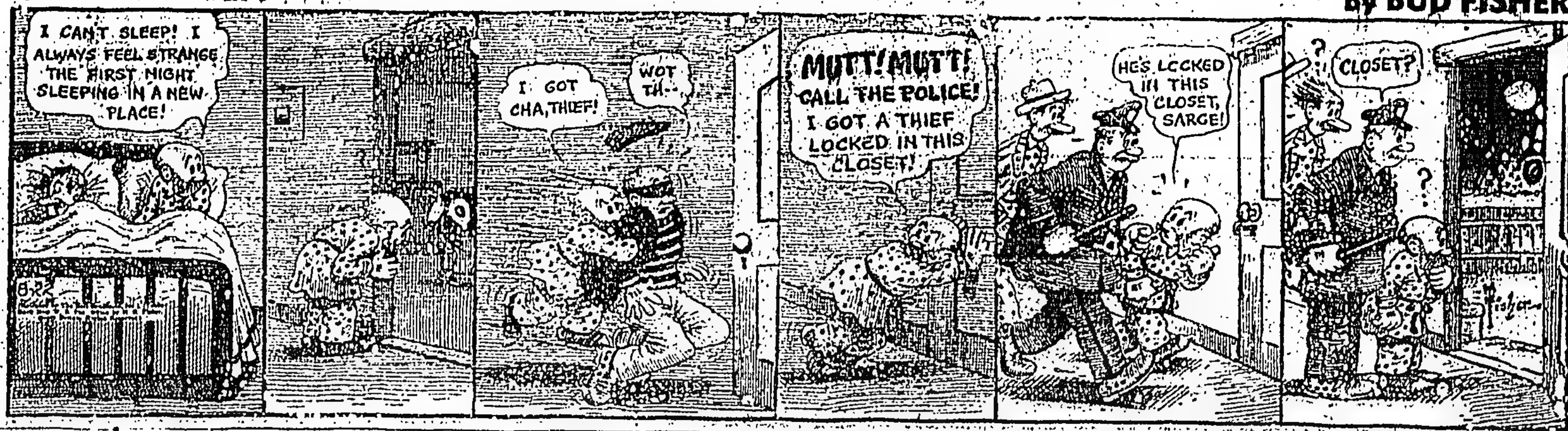
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

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To slim requires intelligence, a knowledge of food or a programme for eating, and a determination to be slender, lovely looking and happy. There are no short cuts to slimness, once you have allowed your body to become heavily padded with flesh. Massage is good but it is not sufficient. You must slim yourself. Roll and kick and twist your body into proportion and cut down on

the foods which create fat. There is no need to starve, in fact you must eat sufficient food to create the energy you need each day. But begin to reeducate your palate—make it desire the foods that are good for you and slimming at the same time.

Make Up Your Mind

Snap out of that sluggish state you are in and make up your mind to slim to beauty. Then stick to your decision—don't waver just because you are at bridge or lunching with a friend. When you open the ice-box resist taking a snack of this and that. Settle your meal hours—eight in the morning, twelve thirty promptly for luncheon, and seven for dinner. Between meals, keep your body and mind occupied so you won't think of eating. Have you ever noticed how frequently you take snacks between meals when you are loitering about on a Sunday? Why? You haven't enough to do. Your mind and body are bored so they say to you, "Let's eat something. That's something to do at least." So you go to the icebox and eat. If you had been playing a game, talking, sewing or were otherwise occupied, you would never have thought about food.

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POLICE STORM FARM WITH GAS AND GUNS

AS RAYMOND WARDEN, 66-year old farmer, slumped to the floor behind the rose-decked porch of his farmhouse with a fatal gunshot wound in the temple, there ended one of the most amazing sieges Britain has known since the Battle of Sydney Street, writes Harold Whittall, special correspondent, who was under fire with the police when they besieged Borough Farm, Itchen Stokes, Hants.

For the first time, police—all "country beat" men—brought into action the methods of America's G-men—tear gas bombs, revolvers and rifles—in an attack on the farmhouse in which Warden had barricaded himself for eighteen hours to prevent ejection for not having ploughed his land.

A young police constable, crouched against the wall beside the porch with a six-chambered revolver, had exchanged shot for shot which flashed from the farmhouse. But the police guns were silent when the final shot was fired, and Warden hit the floor with a thud, a shotgun clattering beside him.

Tear Gas

I watched the final stages of the siege as dawn broke, tears streaming down my cheeks from the acrid fumes of tear gas bombs which had been hurled through the window panes. The fumes filled the house, and hung all around it in the flower garden as we advanced.

Armed with rifles and revolvers, ten police constables, headed by Inspector Hatcher, of Basingstoke, surrounded the house.

We went stealthily, for the previous day Police-Constable Draper, of Ropley, had fallen wounded in the legs and arms when shots rang out as he approached the farm to serve an ejection order on Warden.

Every door and window of the farmhouse was covered by the police rifles, 1914 service "sniper" models. Inspector Hatcher carried a six-chambered revolver.

Cows in the byre bellowed with pain. Their master had not milked them for hours. Chickens picked their way across the line of fire. An old sow waddled away as a police officer, lying full-length between the rows of potatoes, peered through the sight of his rifle.

But there was no sign of life from the farmhouse.

Then a police-sergeant and a constable rushed forward, grabbed ladders near a window, and using them as a battering ram, smashed open the door in the porch.

Shot For Shot

Cautiously, while other officers covered the doorway with their weapons, they peered into the hall. Then a constable climbed on to the roof of the kitchen and smashed a bedroom window.

Suddenly shots in rapid succession from the farmhouse caused us to flatten against the wall.

Police-Constable Ward, a young Basingstoke officer, grabbed a revolver, and for a few seconds exchanged shot for every shot which flashed from the hall. Poking the revolver around the porch the young constable fired and then jumped back from the answering shot.

Local firemen who assisted the police, dropped to the ground. I ducked behind a barrel.

Meanwhile other officers had forced another door, and got inside the farmhouse. They found an empty gas-mask case. The gas-mask had been used by Warden as a protection against the tear gas.

Police Sergeant Longman shouted up the stairs: "Come down! Put down your gun, put up your hands and we won't shoot!"

The only reply was another burst of gun-shot fire.

Police Constable Ward put his helmet on a stick, pushed it around the porch entrance to draw fire. There came another shot—and then silence. Inspector Hatcher gave the order: "Cease fire!"

Lying sprawled at the foot of the staircase we found Warden bleeding from a head-wound. He was unconscious. Gently he was placed on a sofa, and later removed to Winchester Hospital, where he died.

I took in my car Police Constable Ward, with slight wounds in the leg, and Sergeant Longman bleeding from the neck, to a local doctor. Their injuries are not serious.

The firing had passed unnoticed in the district. The farm, which covers fifty acres and lies on the estate of Sir Anthony Tichborne, is in a lonely spot three miles from Alresford.

"Mr. Warden had lived at the farm all his life," a friend told me. "He was passionately fond of the farm."

Warden was a bachelor. His sister, Mrs. Ross Kilby, a widow, who had lived at the farm for ten years looking after him, had left the farm the previous night, and is staying at Alresford.

"I didn't want to see a tragic scene at my brother's ejection," she told me "so I went to stay with friends."

The dawn attack followed a midnight attempt to enter the farm with the aid of tear gas.

Several shots, which narrowly missed police, firemen, a news photographer and myself, were fired.

The scene during the midnight attack was like an episode from an American film-thriller.

P. C. Hero

The creeping forward through dewy grass and plants, the flashes which stabbed the darkness of the undergrowth as revolver and rifles blazed, the pungent odour of tear gas, the lowing of the cattle, the squawk of nightbirds



Ann Rutherford, Hollywood starlet, gives Hong Kong's non-evacuees a hint on how to keep fit with dumb-bells (no esoteric pun intended). Touch the toes with the dumb-bells ten times each. The back, shoulder and hips benefit.

seemed unreal in the English countryside.

Police-Constable Cripps was the hero of this first attack. After the door in the porch had been battered in he crept inside, and listened. He heard the sound of stockinged feet behind the staircase door.

Then came a terrific concussion in the confined space as shots were fired through the door. By a miracle he escaped unhurt.

By the fire, it was obvious that two guns were being used in the farmhouse to facilitate quick shooting.

Several times, once after Inspector Hatcher had replied to shots with his revolver, we had to fall flat on the ground as gun-shot whistled through the leaves just above us.

Once in the early morning we saw that Warden had lit a fire, and watchers at the rear said he appeared to be making tea.

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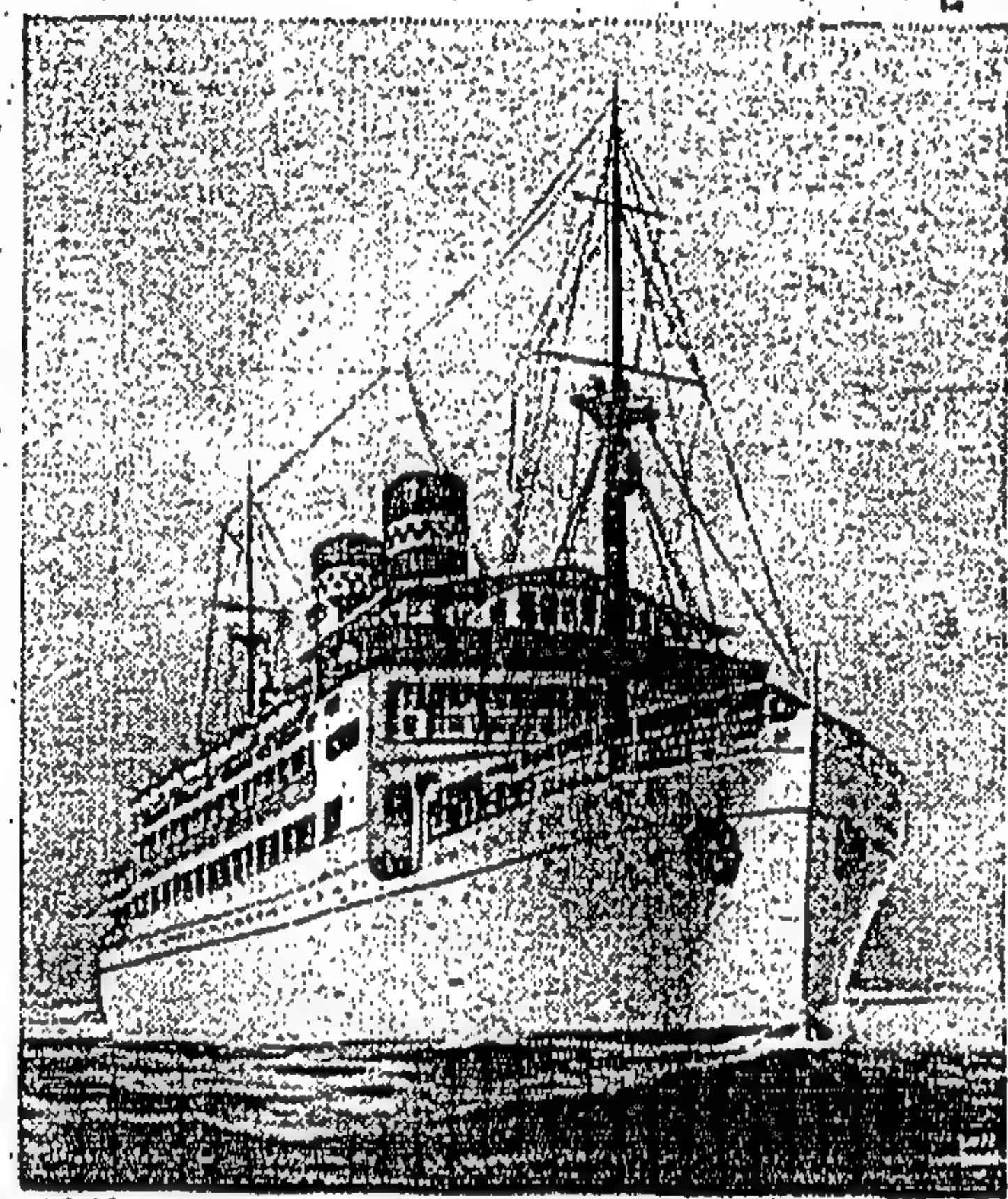
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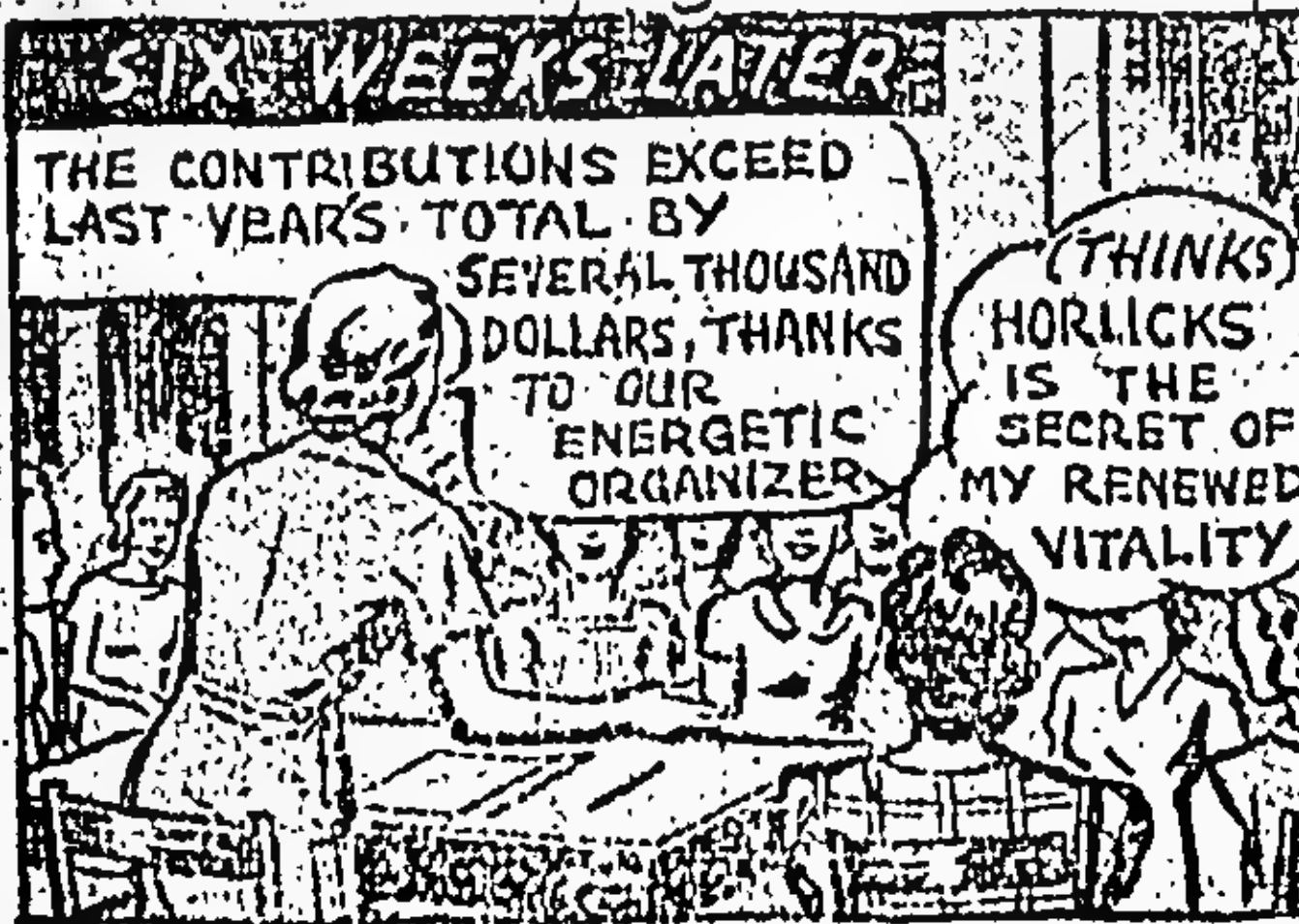
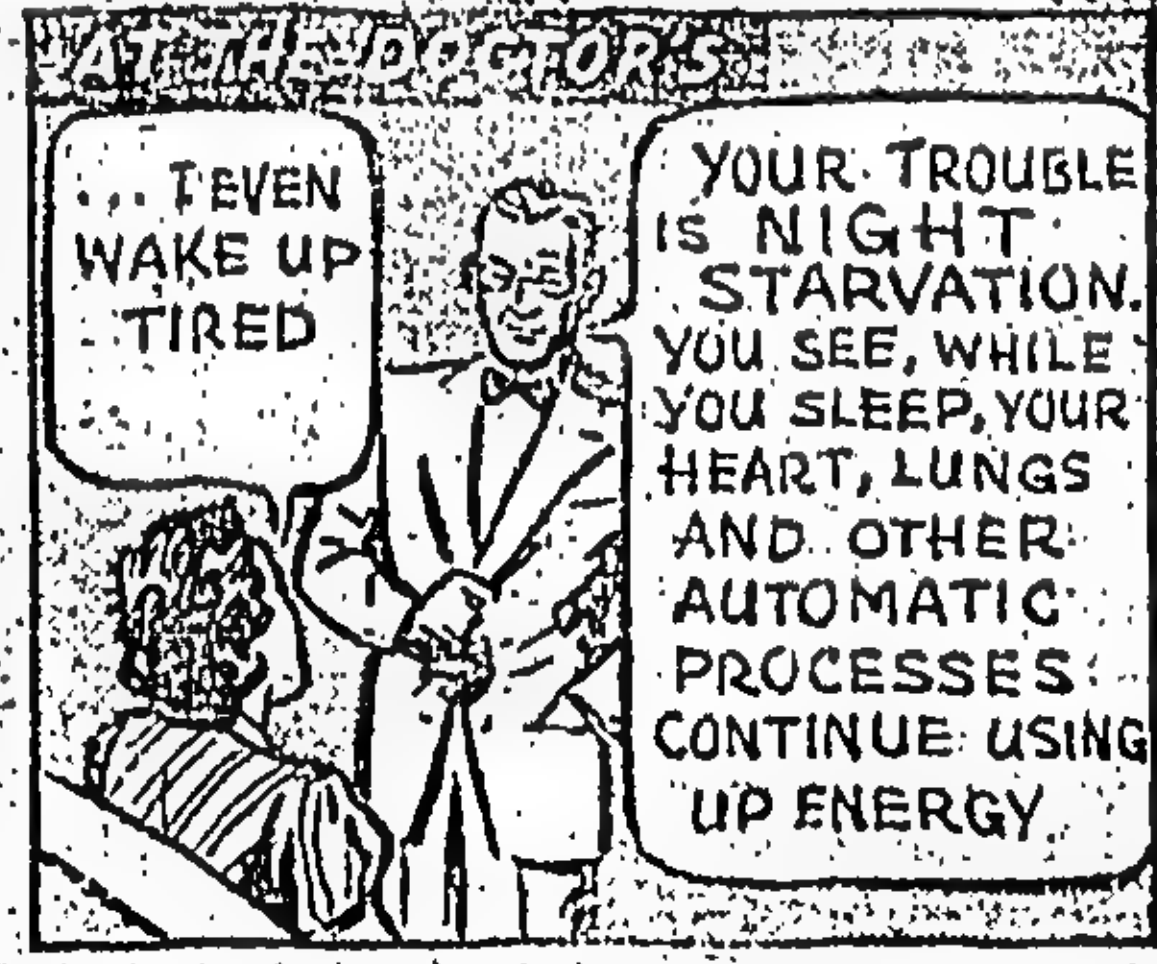
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♠ 10 6
♥ K Q J 9
♦ 9 5
♣ Q J 9
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S
♠ A Q J 10 8 7
♥ 5
♦ A 6 2
♣ K 7 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ 2♥ 2♠ 3♥
4♠ Pass Pass Pass

West opened the King of hearts, dummy winning with the Ace. The spade finesse was then attempted, and West took his King.

At this point most players would lead the heart Queen, and South would make the contract. For Declarer would ruff, draw trumps, cash the club King, and duck the next club. Then the rest of the clubs would furnish discards.

But West realised the danger that South might have no more hearts and also expected that his partner had diamond strength for his bid. He therefore shifted at once to the nine of diamonds. East played the ten, and South ducked; East then played the diamond King, and South won the trick.

Declarer next drew trumps and laid down the club King. Here again a careless player would have dropped the game—but West dropped the Jack of clubs! On the next club East was able to get the lead (for South's only chance was to duck in order to bring in the clubs), and East was then able to cash a diamond for the setting trick.

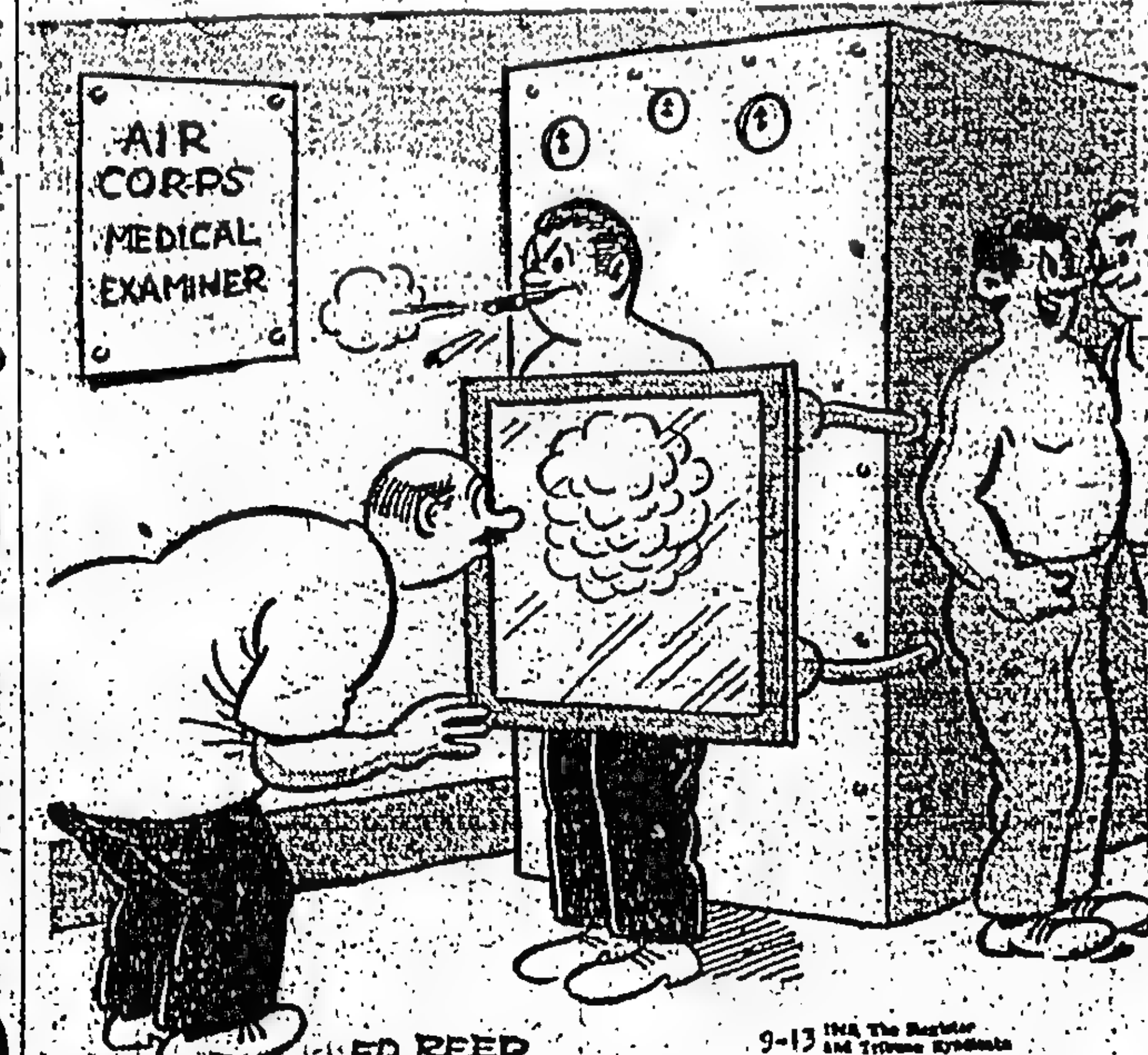
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♥ A 8
♦ 8 7 4
♣ A 6 5 4 2

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G.R.C.'S NINTH TITLE

The much-awaited "A" Division tennis match between Chinese Recreation Club and Indian Recreation Club was played yesterday at Causeway Bay and resulted in the Chinese winning by 7-1/2 sets to 1-1/2.

This win gives the Chinese Recreation Club the "A" Division title for the ninth year in succession.

H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn were the only Indian players to offer any material resistance for the losers but they were beaten by Tsui brothers by 4-6.

Tsui Wai-pui and T. C. Lu (C.R.C.) beat A. H. Madar and A. R. Minu 6-4

beat S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn 6-4

beat O. Rumjahn and I. M. A. Razack 6-3

Lee Wai-tong and Tsui Yan-pui (C.R.C.) beat Madar and Minu 6-2

lost to Rumjahn and Rumjahn 3-6

beat Rumjahn and Razack 6-2

Paul Kong and T. C. Chan (C.R.C.) beat Madar and Minu 6-3

draw with Rumjahn and Rumjahn 6-6

beat Rumjahn and Razack 6-0

ARMY TENNIS

The semi-final of the Army Tennis Open Singles tournament was decided at Sookunpoo yesterday, when Sgt. Murray of the Royal Army Pay Corps beat S/Sgt. Adlam of the same Regiment by 6-0, 6-2, while S/Sgt. Duffield of Royal Army Ordnance Corps beat S/Sgt. Emberson (R.A.O.C.) 6-4, 6-3.

The final of the tournament will be decided at Sookunpoo on Monday.

Practice Cancelled

The Hong Kong Hockey Club practice arranged for to-day has been cancelled.

NO MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

At a meeting of the Executive Council of Chinese Recreation Club held on Wednesday, it was unanimously decided not to stage the annual Colony Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship which has been run by the C.R.C. for the past few years. The decision taken conformed with advice on the subject sought from the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association. The absence from the Colony of a considerable proportion of the best players among the lady tennis enthusiasts here was an important factor influencing this decision.

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OFFICERS' HOCKEY MATCH

In a friendly hockey match, the Officers of the Rajputana Rifles met the Officers of the rest of the military units at Shamshuipo yesterday and won by the odd goal in five after leading one-nil at half-time.

The Rajputana Rifles scored through Lt. Mukhtar Singh (2) and Lt. Sawal Khan shot Lt. Chattey and Lt. Clague scored for Rest.

"Y" LADIES MEET

A meeting of the ladies' hockey section of the European Y.M.C.A. was held yesterday, the following being present:—Mrs. Olive Burnett, Miss Muriel McCaw,

SOVIET DOUBTS NAZI SUCCESS

THE SOVIET'S TWO MAIN MILITARY ORGANS RECENTLY DISCUSSED THE AIR ATTACKS ON BRITAIN AND THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INVASION.

In the "Red Star," Col. Juravlevitch declares that although Germany is in an advantageous position, owing to her wide system of coastal bases pointing at the British Isles, "from the experience of the first big air battle one cannot expect the German Air Force to break through British resistance soon."

Since he bases his view on the assumption that losses on each side have been approximately equal, his conclusion seems encouraging for Britain.

A commentator in the journal the "Red Fleet," is also far from discouraging, if his argument is carefully analysed. If, he says, one puts air losses at three per cent, the Germans are now losing 45 to 50 bombers a day. Thus the German aviation industry must turn out 1,500 bombers a month to make up the losses, without allowing for wear and tear of machines.

To cover losses in personnel over the same period they need 1,500 trained flying crews, without counting pilots of fighter and reconnaissance aircraft lost.

After discussing the possibility of Britain being defeated by exhaustion, the "Red Fleet" argues that Germany must make up her mind to attempt an invasion of Britain now.

Afterwards, fog will wreck air cooperation in any attempted descent on the British coasts. The Channel, it is argued, is obviously the best area for an attempted landing, because air attack and light speed-boats can be used there to the best advantage, whereas British ships cannot.

But if Britain uses her maximum forces there a landing may well fail. Against 35 to 40 British divisions the Germans would be forced to use at least 100 to 120. Therefore, they would probably be forced to attempt a second landing at another point, striking at England's vital centres.

Such a landing, however, could scarcely be more than an attempt to divert British forces, because it would encounter immense difficulties from powerful British surface craft, and the coastal defence and the air force is fully capable of preventing it when the German fleet's weakness in comparison with the British Navy is considered.

Mrs. Ursula Macklin, Miss Sheila Bruce and Mr. E. W. Railton. Owing to lack of information regarding number of players available, the meeting was adjourned and will probably be resumed at a later date.

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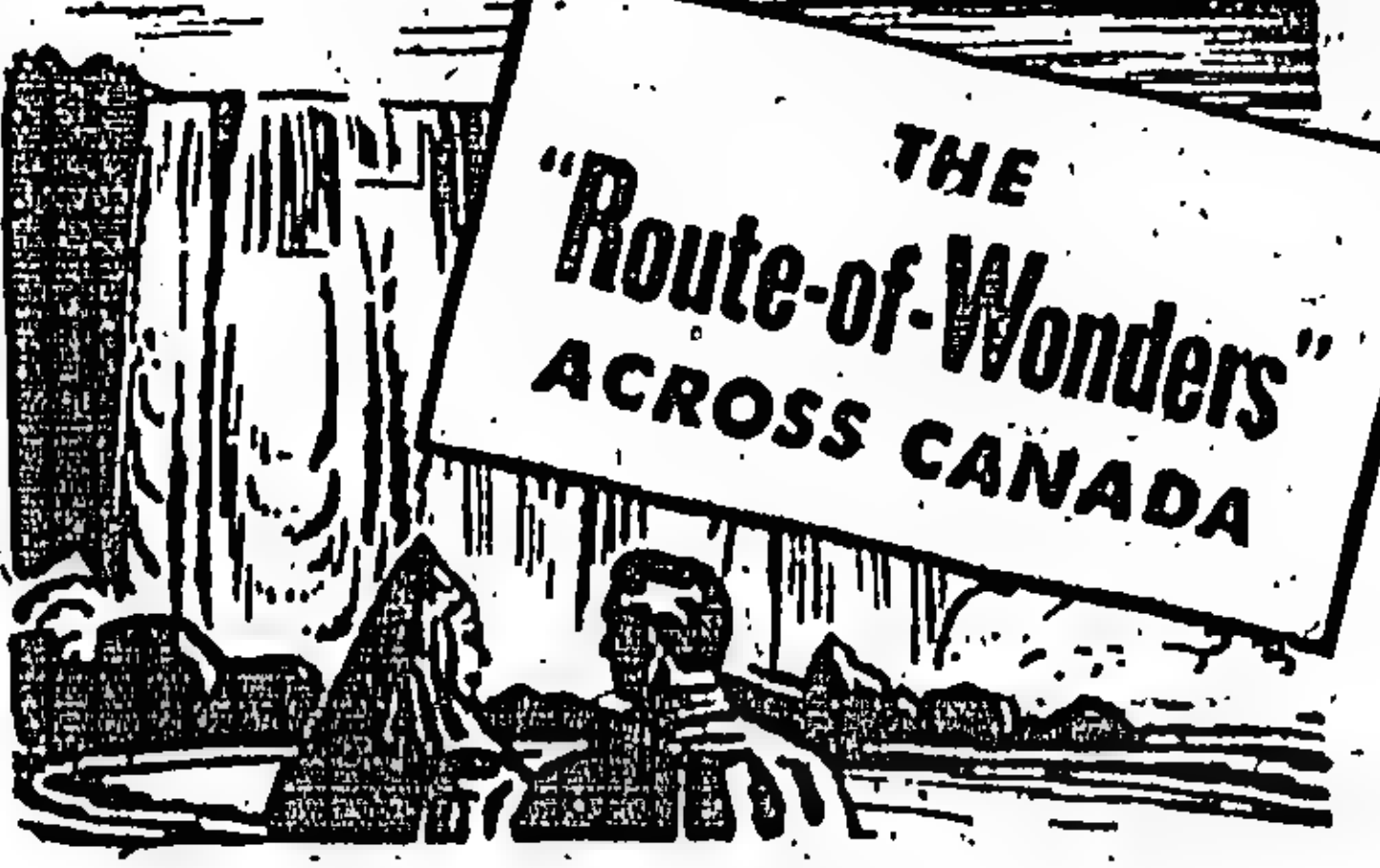
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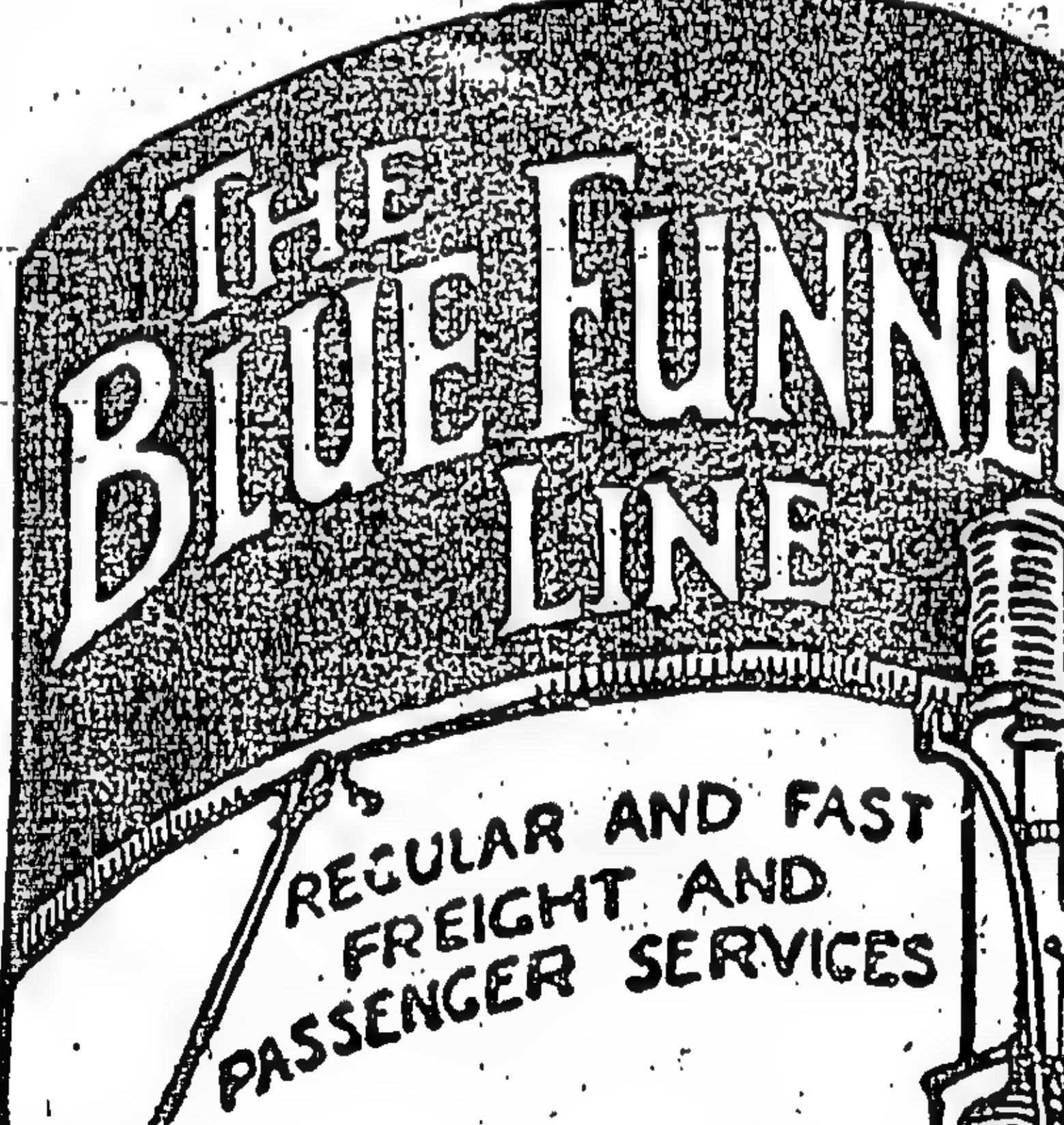
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12.30 p.m.—The Ballyhoolligans.

12.40 p.m.—Glenn Miller and his Orch.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.02 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"London"—a somewhat misadventured tour of the Capital of the British Empire.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety with Flotsam and Jetsam.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Dance Music.

6.32 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.34 p.m.—Two of Charlie Kunz' Piano Medleys.

6.45 p.m.—London Relay—"Melody Match"—A Competition.

7.15 p.m.—Boston Promenade Orch.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Studio—a talk by "Eeyore" on the Competition held in the Hong Kong Radio Review during September on "Cautionary Tales."

8.25 p.m.—Fiesta—Marchant of Venice—Suite.

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CRAIGENGOWER CERTAIN OF BEING SENIOR RUNNERS-UP

By "Skip"

THERE WAS LITTLE of interest in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday although the three teams in the running for the top position in Second Division all won their games, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, who are the most comfortably situated, having the biggest win of the day and Kowloon Football Club the second best.

Taikoo finished their programme with a win against Police and now have 28 points—the same as the Austin Road team who play the Civil Servants away to-morrow in their last match which they ought to win.

Should they be beaten, however, there could be a triple tie if Kowloon Football Club win both their remaining two games.

Craigengower assured themselves of runners-up position, by beating Kowloon Dock at Hung Hom, though the margin in their favour was only small. On the other hand it should be noted that the visitors had not a very strong team out, Omar having a third team player in his rink as well as Bill Penney, who although worth his place, does not play regularly in the League.

Omar's Lost Chance

This rink, strange to say, was well ahead of McKelvie's for a long time and actually led by 15-4 but the home four finished up strongly to win by a singleton and so rob Omar of what chance he had of being the champion skip.

This honour deservedly goes to Carlos Silva, who has not been beaten in the 16 games which he has so far played this season.

Bob Morrison was again in good form against Basa and lost by only a couple of shots but Rosset's rink had a slight edge on Kempton's and had a margin of seven at the finish.

The Indians had a very weak Civil Service team against them and had little difficulty in winning, though Jack Hollidge continued to show good form in getting the better of A. R. Minu, skipping in place of Dallah who was not available. Jeff Hoosen took Minu's place as three to A. R. Minu and did quite well as number three, though lead is his usual position. The rink won by 10 shots but Abbas went even better in beating Harry Strange.



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"CHINA MAIL" CUP

By "Skip"

The Inter-Unit Knock-out Rink Competition for the "China Mail" Cup is well under way and sets of rules, together with entrance forms, have been sent to all Unit Commanders.

The rules, a set of which I have before me, are quite simple although the one which reads:

"Providing that two of the original players play through the competition, substitutes who shall not have previously played in a rink which has been eliminated, will be allowed. These substitutes need not carry on until the rink is eliminated."

may need some elaboration, not so much to clarify it as to give the reason it was made. It was pointed out at the meeting that members of certain teams might be on duty on Sunday morning and although they might manage to play in the first round, they could not turn out for the second, yet might again be available for the next one.

The rule was formulated to meet such a case as in one or two instances rinks could not otherwise have been entered and it was wished to secure as many entries as possible.

It should be noted, by the way, that entries will now close at 5 p.m. (by hand) or first post on Wednesday next and not on the Friday as was originally intended.

This was due to the fact, firstly, that Thursday is a holiday, and secondly that two of the sub-committee will be out training on the Friday. The draw will be announced in the mid-day papers on Friday.

T.W. CARR LIES "FOUR BOTTLES"—GETS NOWT!

By "Skip"

ALTHOUGH TAIKOO HAD A CLEAR CUT WIN AGAINST POLICE I THOUGHT THEY WOULD HAVE HAD A MUCH BIGGER MARGIN THAN 17 IN THEIR FAVOUR.

The homesters had three First Division men in their team, which strengthened it a lot.

Jimmy Chalmers was trailing until a seven put him on the road to victory and he never looked back. Keown was similarly placed against Aitken but it was steady, rather than dramatic, scoring which brought him ultimate victory. Donald Munro, on the other hand, always kept ahead of Willie Dall in spite of the latter having Ted Post as his right hand man.

Cornell played a deadly game as lead to R. R. Davies who did remarkably well to beat Bob Duncan at Austin Road. The other Cricket Club rinks were never in the running, Archie Nislin having 37 chalked up against him to which he replied with ten, reaching double figures—the losing team's goal in many cases—by means of a three at the last head. Lockhart's four were far too good for the visitors, whilst Brown, after holding Drew for half the game, rather went to pieces.

Poor Opposition

Kowloon Cricket Club had to make several changes in their team to oppose Kowloon Football Club and put up very poor opposition apart from Overy who held Bill Simpson to a single shot.

Younghusband had one of the season's best flukes when, with the opposition lying "four bottles," he wicketed off a wood six feet wide to secure second shot. He eventually beat Tammy Carr

after a tight game but Bill Field simply trounced Taylor though the latter chalked up 11 in the last four ends to recover from a deficit of 31-6 at that stage!

Similarly Kowloon Tong had very little to worry about when Civil Servants visited them; Harry Gittins gaining a commanding lead of nearly 20 shots against Burling before the latter got going, and scored on nine successive ends!

Stephens and Eccleshall were pretty level until the half-way stage when the home skip had a useful burst of scoring to eventually win by over a dozen.

Charlie Strange will probably consider himself unlucky to only tie with Kew after scoring on 14 heads but as he was able to score only sixteen shots, perhaps the home skip deserved his point, after all!

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

THERE has been a tendency in the Alleys of late for pairs challenge matches, the idea being for the weaker pair to ascertain their standing against a stronger pair.

I am inclined to foster this idea because as a rule the weaker pair, with the added incentive, produce a standard above their normal.

There was such a challenge match played last Thursday between four players, all of the Royal Corps of Signals.

G. Birkett and H. Hall challenged J. H. Watts and H. Blount to a 5-game match, which resulted for an easy victory for the latter pair by 133 pins. The individual scores being as follows:—

	Total		Total
H. Blount	848	G. Birkett	794
J. H. Watts	817	H. Hall	738

Blount, as usual, was top-scorer with 848 and another two pins would have given him an average of 170 pins per game. Watts was second highest scorer with a good 817, or almost a 164 pin average. Feature of Watts' and Blount's scoring was the consistency of their bowling.

In the case of Watts his lowest score was 153 and his highest 171. In the case of Blount his lowest score was 163 and his highest 182. Birkett did quite well to make a good 794 or an average of 159 pins per game, and while Hall was lower than his usual, his 738 or 148 average nevertheless was fair.

Intra-Ship Match

There was a match arranged

RIBEIRO'S GREAT SHOT

By "Skip"

Much has been written about the Open Pairs Final but I cannot omit a reference to it. The play of F. V. V. Ribeiro was really outstanding and it can be said that on the day's play U. M. Omar met his master which is "a most unusual thing" as Albert says on one of his records.

He will agree—Omar, I mean, not Albert—I think that he usually had the position when the skips went down as Dick Alves had quite an off day especially for the first 12 or 14 heads when A. M. Omar was playing very well indeed. But Chico usually undid the younger brother's good work, often consolidating his own good shots.

The plum of the afternoon was towards the end when he nominated what would otherwise have been thought a fluke, to secure the shot when the Omars lay three or four in what appeared to be an impregnable position. It was a great match, well worthy of the occasion and one which will long be remembered by those who saw it.

between the "Asheville" C.P.O.'s and the "Asheville" Ship's team on September 28, which resulted in a very decided win for "Asheville" C.P.O.'s by no less than 427. A. J. Bishoff of "Asheville" and H. B. Wilkins of Royal Corps of Signals played in the place of C.P.O. Summers and C.P.O. Cooley. The individual scores were as follows:—

"ASHEVILLE" C.P.O.'s	Total	"ASHEVILLE" TEAM	Total
E. L. Wood	779	W. J. Balaski	726
H. B. Wilkins	769	Joe Harvey	688
G. C. Merkel	744	C. J. Fleming	660
A. J. Bishoff	741	J. E. Harman	552
	3033		2608

Wood was top scorer of the match with a useful 779 or an average of 156 pins per game. This is a fine score but this player would certainly have topped the 800 mark had he not started off with a poor 125 on his first game; his remaining four games were very consistent, his lowest being 151 and his highest 169.

H. B. Wilkins for C.P.O.'s was second-top-scorer with a good 769, or an average of 154 pins per game. Again, in Wilkins' case, he would have reached the 800 score, if he had not failed on his third and fifth games—he made only 124 and 130 respectively.

Merkel for C.P.O.'s did not do as well as expected, his 744 being below his usual accomplishment. He was somewhat erratic, bagging the highest individual score of the match on his first game—a good 192—and a useful 173 on his third game; yet on his second, fourth and fifth games he collapsed badly to make 122, 129 and 128. Merkel can do better than this!

Bishoff for C.P.O.'s did very well indeed to make 741 or an average of 148 pins per game. It was a good effort and had he not made a lowly 102 on his third game he might conceivably have had 800 or close to it; also I believe this was only Bishoff's first or second match game in these Alleys.

Off Form

The "Asheville" Team were without doubt completely off form. Balaski was the top scorer for his side with 726 or an average of 145 pins per game, but it will be noticed that this score was not as high as the lowest score of the C.P.O.'s.

Joe Harvey was second highest for the "Asheville" team with 688 or an average of 134. On tracing back through his bowling records in these Alleys I find that this score is the lowest he has ever put up in the Alleys—just imagine this veteran bowler making such a lowly score as 109 which he did on his second game.

Fleming for the "Asheville" team made 660 or 132 pins average.

Harman has only played one or two match games in these Alleys, and this probably accounted for his low score of 552 or average of 110 pins per game. There was no doubt that the "Asheville" team were thoroughly out of form.

Another Challenge Game

There was another pairs challenge game played off on Tuesday, between four of the best bowlers in the Alleys, Cpl. Watts and Cpl. Blount were pitted against Doc. Molthen and Ernie Heather.

The challenge is a 20-game match to be played off in four matches of five games each. The first of the series was played off on Tuesday, October 1 and resulted in first blood to Doc. Molthen and Ernie Heather, an advantage of 32 pins being secured. The second match will take place on Tuesday, October 8 at 8 p.m. The individual scores for the first match were as follows:—

Ernie Heather	878	J. H. Watts	849
Doc. Molthen	830	H. Blount	826

It can be seen the scoring all round was fairly even and had Watts not failed miserably on his fifth game to make only 120, it is a moot point who would have won the first encounter.

BOWLS TEAMS

Following bowls teams have been selected for Saturday:—

K.C.C. (home)—
First Division (v K.D.R.C., home)—
G. Lee, A. W. Smith, W. Hyde and E. Kern (skip); W. Parsons, G. C. Moss, J. Fraser and F. Goodwin (skip); V. C. Labrum, T. A. Madar, A. W. Ramsey and E. C. Fincher (skip).
Friendly Match (v K.T.G.C.A., home)—
T. C. Tribble, R. Leigh, G. Taylor and T. W. Carr (skip); R. E. Lee, A. E. Perry, R. H. Marks and Overy (skip); F. Curtis, F. A. Fabel, L. Jack and Meadows (skip).
O.S.C.C. (home)—
First Division (v Redroofs "A", home)—
T. Gattall, A. B. Allan, J. W. Deakin

and M. N. Rakusich (skip); M. E. Purvis, J. Hempsey, W. J. Burling and H. E. Strange (skip); C. J. Walker, W. E. Colledge, J. F. McGowan and J. Hollidge (skip).
Second Division (v K.B.G.C., home)—
T. Seddon, M. Scott, E. Kirmon and S. Eccleshall (skip); P. D. Crawley, S. Morris, H. F. Harper and C. Strange (skip); A. F. Shepherd, J. R. Carr, F. S. Austin and W. R. Hillyer (skip).
H.K.C.C. (home)—
Second Division (v C.C.C., home)—
G. R. Razavet, J. L. Mount, A. Nislin and G. E. Costello (skip); B. J. Lacon, A. T. Lay, W. A. Cornell and R. R. Davies (skip); P. S. Cassidy, W. A. Cruickshank, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (skip).

2-Day Meeting Starts To-morrow

Record Crowd Expected; Huge "Double" Pool Brought Forward

COMDR. CRAVEN TO MAKE DEBUT: MR. NEEDA BACK

By "Rapier"

THE EIGHTH EXTRA Race Meeting, under the auspices of Hong Kong Jockey Club, will start to-morrow at the Valley and will be resumed on Thursday, the "Double Tenth" holiday. The first Saddle Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on both days.

Given fine weather a record crowd is expected and interest will be greatly enhanced as the sum of \$6,425 in the "Double" pool has been carried over from the last meeting.

The programme for each day will consist of eight events, most important being the October Handicap over the Champions distance to-morrow, and the "Double Tenth Plate" on Thursday from the 1-1/2 Mile Post. These are handicap events and are confined to China ponies of any season, the race on Thursday being barred to the winner of the October Handicap, 1940.

Commander Craven, a new arrival from Gibraltar, who has had a great deal of racing experience at Home, will make his local debut to-morrow, while Mr. Li Shiu-fai, son of Mr. Li Po-chun, will also make an initial appearance as a Novice jockey. With Mr. V. V. Needa, the former Shanghai crack jockey, having returned from the North after a short holiday, there should be keen competition for honours amongst the jockeys.

RACE NO. 1 CARNARVON STAKES: ONE MILE

Opening race of the day is confined to China ponies, griffins of this season that have not won more than \$750 in stakes, and are to be ridden by jockeys who have not won 10 races anywhere at any time.

Resisting Time with Mr. Wei up won the Island Bay Handicap (First Section) for "C" Class, China ponies at the last meeting and as it will be ridden by Mr. Yeung Wing Kwai, a fast improving Novice jockey, it should win again, providing it can reproduce its previous form.

Eve of Dancing has also been entered and as the distance is longer, coupled with the fact that it will be ridden again by Mr. Wood, this combination is worth considering.

In my opinion, however, Smashing Through (Mr. S. W. Lee) is the only pony likely to extend Resisting Time, as it is in fine condition at the moment.

For All Time, which has now fully recovered from its leg trouble, is now in fine fettle and will be taken care of by Mr. Li Shiu-fai, the owner's son and, as it will be carrying about 55 lb. deadweight, it is unlikely to do better than place.

RACE NO. 2 JORDAN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ABOUT HALF MILE 155 YARDS

This is a sprint event, and is confined to first section of "D" Class, China ponies.

Although Portrush (Mr. H. S. Chang) had the better of Sunlight View (Mr. Pih) at the last meeting in the Junk Bay Handicap (First Section) I am inclined to believe that to-morrow, in view of the short distance, Sunlight View, given topweight of 108 lb., is likely to reverse this result.

At any rate the finish should again be fought out between these two ponies with Sunlight View having a slight advantage. There are also Eve of Dancing (Commander Craven) and Smiling Time (Mr. Wei) to be reckoned with as both ponies are capable of causing an upset although the latter ran unplaced at the last meeting.

For an outsider I would suggest West Lake as it will be ridden by Mr. Chao.

RACE NO. 3 OCTOBER HANDICAP: ONE AND A QUARTER MILES

This is the main event of the afternoon and the cream of the "A" Class China ponies will participate. There should be a grand struggle with a thrilling finish probably. Weights have been judiciously distributed.

Confusion Bay, since coming in

third to Burford in the Champion Stakes, has not been seen in action; it has been given topweight of 168 lb. and, as it will be ridden by Mr. Needa for the first time to-morrow, coupled with its fitness at the moment, I believe that it has a good chance of scoring a win here.

There is, however, Eve of Harvest (Mr. Black) to be reckoned with; it will be carrying 147 lb. against 145 lb. when it won the Whitsun Plate in record time over the Champions distance at the 5th Extra Meeting.

Craigavad (Mr. H. C. Pih), carrying 151 lb., was second to Eve of Harvest when it lost by 1 1/2 lengths in the above race through a belated challenge on the part of the rider who was deprived of the use of the whip. To-morrow it has an advantage of 5 lb. from the Eve pony and, as the jockey will have the use of his whip, I expect it to give the above-mentioned ponies a good fight if it does not actually win. This pony has improved considerably since the Summer recess.

The race is likely to be fought out at a terrific pace with the result in doubt until the end.

O-Lan (Mr. Sung) is the outsider in this race.

RACE NO. 4 AUSTIN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE

This race is confined to first section of "B" Class, China ponies and, judging by its win at the last meeting in the Tweed Island Bay Handicap, Coquering Time (Mr. Wei) still has a chance of winning although it has been penalised by 5 lb. which I believe it can handle.

Bear Claw ridden by Mr. Trevorton on its last outing, ran unplaced but as Mr. Black, its regular jockey, will be taking it out on this occasion, it will probably do better and should be well up at the finish.

Hundrum Eve (Mr. Pih), which won the Mount Davis Handicap at the Fourth Extra Meeting, did not start at the last meeting in the Tweed Island Bay Handicap although entered, and I have a feeling that its connection is reserving it for this event which it is quite capable of winning.

Mr. Hearn has the choice of either Gay Star or Hopeful Star and whichever one he takes out is dangerous. Jennifer will be taken out by Mr. Needa instead of Mr. Proulx to-morrow and as its weight is only 144 lb. I think this combination is worth 5/6 each way.

Ronson (Mr. Poy) was a disappointment over the sprint race and finished nowhere at the last time out; it might make amends to-morrow.

RACE NO. 5 CANTALA HANDICAP: 1 1/4 MILES

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double" and is confined to "B" Class Australian Subscription ponies; it is certainly no easy matter to pick the winner, which will probably be one of the following.

Fair Chance (Mr. Pih), Murrumbidgee (Mr. Black), Rowan (Mr. Needa), Springhurst (Mr. Wei).

Triumphant Day (Mr. Sung).

Springhurst, which was second to Viceroy in the Vacluse Handicap at the last meeting over six furlongs, has been penalised by 3 lb. Although the pony finished full of running, I am afraid that the distance may be too long for it, unless Mr. Poy can hold it until the last half-mile and then let go. Rowan was third in this same race when it dead-heated with Pumpernickel but as the distance is longer, I think its chance of winning here is very bright.

Murrumbidgee is very lightly treated and judging from past performances I consider this pony very dangerous as it is very fit at the moment. Fair Chance ran unplaced in the above race against Springhurst and Rowan, probably due to the shortness of the distance, but it is quite capable of distinguishing itself.

Triumphant Day, although it has not fully recovered its old form, and has been inconsistent, may well give the above-mentioned ponies a good run for first position.

RACE NO. 6 JORDAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ABOUT HALF MILE 155 YARDS

This race will be contested by the second section of "D" Class, China ponies. Having placed second in the Junk Bay Handicap (Second Section) to March Brown over the mile at the last meeting when ridden by Mr. Yeung Wing Kwai, Double Chance has been allotted topweight of 168 lb. It will be taken care of by Mr. L. B. Chao, who has had a win at Macao over the sprint event carrying the maximum weight, and I believe it stands a chance of winning. Main challenge will come from Bressay, which is also carrying 168 lb. and, with Mr. B. L. Tao on top, should redeem itself in this race as it is fast over this distance.

Piet Hein is another pony which may come home a winner. Emergency Call, if ridden by Mr. Black, should be a dangerous contender, as these two form a good combination. Valorous (Mr. Hearn) and Ascot Vale (Mr. P. Botelho) are also good enough to win.

RACE NO. 7 AUSTIN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE

The result of the second leg of the "Daily Double" will be decided on this race, which will be confined to second section "B" Class China ponies, and the winner will no doubt come from one of the following.

Avon (Mr. Black), Expansion Time (Mr. Wei), King Kong (Commander Craven).

Peaceful View (Mr. Pih), Avon has been demoted from the first section and is therefore allotted topweight of 168 lb. and, although the weight is rather severe, I think it is capable of handling this burden and so give the others a good fight, if not actually winning.

Expansion Time, which lost to Gay Star at the Fifth Extra Meeting in the Lama Handicap over 1 1/4 miles, has grown in substance and, judging from its work-out in the morning training, I think it has a very good chance of winning. It should be seriously challenged by Peaceful View, however, which is very light and fit at the moment.

King Kong is also good enough to win and, although taken out by a newcomer, should not be disregarded.

Tip Peaceful View to win.

RACE NO. 8 WILLIAMSTOWN HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This race will wind up the first day's programme and "D" Class Australian ponies will participate. Carzan, with Mr. Wei up, came second to A Green Time in the Port Phillip Handicap at the last meeting and has been penalised by 2 lb. and, although it is fast over sprint events, I am afraid that the distance may be just a bit too much for it.

Catterick Bridge did quite well to come fourth after a bad start at the last meeting against A Green Time, and should Mr. Hearn decide to take it out to-morrow, it should not be ignored as it is good, although liable to shy at the gate.

Grand Allegiance (Mr. Pih) has been most unreliable in its outings and I am afraid to recommend it for a win, but a 5/6 bet on it this trip may turn out profitable.

Vanda Bay, disappointed last time out under Mr. Sung, when it was made that second, and over the longer distance, should be a challenge to jockeys in Mr. Needa.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

TUESDAY evening brought us to the end of the Small Units Water-Polo competition with the final match being played between Hong Kong Signal Company and "A" Company of the Middlesex Regiment.

The game was played at the Queen's Road swimming pool with Cpl. Nichol of the R.A.M.C. in charge. Signals played well and deserved the honour of being champions. Their combination was far superior to that of their opponents. They opened the scoring after three minutes' play and from then on took control of the game with the Middles trying hard to score, although most of their efforts were smashed by the fine play of the defenders. P.S.M. Urs was badly missed by the losers and with him in it might have been a different tale. Pitcher of the Signals played an excellent game and scored five of his side's six, the other goal came from Dignman. Allen was taking no chances with Jennings of the Middlesex and marked him well. Freshwater was the best player on the Middles' side although a little unsteady and often left his man to get away with the ball.

The Final of the Large Units Water-Polo Competition will be played next week, time and date to be notified later. This should prove to be a keen game especially as the units partaking in this final are Signals and Middlesex, who both have excellent water-polo teams.

The Small Units have once again retained the Aggregate Cup for Swimming for 1940.

The Signals have also won the Departmental Corps League for Water-Polo and will be presented with the KAY LEE Cup.

LAST Monday at Sookunpoo Royal Army Service Corps played one of His Majesty's Ships in a friendly game and lost 4-2. S/S Williams did not play as well as usual. Cpl. Govier scored the Corps' two goals.

This was his first game of the season—and with a little more practice he should turn out to be one of their best players. Logan and Pearn, the inside men, played well together and have a perfect combination, while Ashman in the pivot line was outstanding and caused many upsets to the opposing forwards although they were the victors.

The Combined Military Hospital, Kowloon are a late entry for the Departmental Corps Hockey League which starts this month, and here are their fixtures.

To be played before—18th October—R.A.M.C. v C.M.H.; 24th October—C.M.H. v R.A.O.C.; 31st November—R.A.S.C. v C.M.H.; 8th November—C.M.H. v Signals; 15th November—R.A.F. v C.M.H.

Kumaon Rifles beat the Rajputana Rifles in a friendly game at Shamshupo on Wednesday by 3-1. Both teams turned out their strongest side.

Middlesex are holding their battalion trial on Monday at Shamshupo, kick-off 4.30 p.m.

The Signals played the Police at Boundary Street on Tuesday and lost 2-0. They were unfortunate to be without the services of their goal-keeper, who was injured in the first few minutes of the second half, and had to play without him for the rest of the game.

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Warrego River will be ridden by Mr. Black instead of Mr. Trevorton and, as this pony came up strongly at the last meeting, it should put up a good fight. My selections are Catterick Bridge for first place, with Venus Bay and Warrego River fighting out the second position, and Grand Allegiance as the outsider.

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the cup last season. Middlesex will still be without Bridge who is on the injured list.

Royal Scots will entertain St. Joseph's at Sookunpoo on Sunday and should not have much trouble in taking both the points.

Middlesex Juniors are playing R.A.S.C. at Sookunpoo on Saturday, kick-off 3.15 p.m. and this also should be worth watching after the brilliant performances the Middles have given us in their previous games.

Royal Engineers will meet Sing Tao in Second Division on Sunday and are confident of winning. If Fox is on form as he was last week, Sing Tao defenders will have to keep a good eye on him. Signals, who will meet 20th Hvy. Bty., R.A., are turning out their strongest team and should win. R.A.M.C. and the R.A.S.C. will be having a battle royal when they meet on Saturday in their Third Division match on the Military ground, Happy Valley.

THE Middlesex Regiment have once again started their Mons Shield cricket games for Platoons of the Battalion, and from this competition they should be able to produce one or two new players for the Regimental team. On Sunday they are having a trial match.

On Wednesday Signals played a friendly with a Navy side and lost by two wickets. Signals batted first and were all out for only 54 runs, Lees making the highest score with eight. The Sailors scored 55 for 6 but batted on and the last wicket produced 56 runs and took their total score to 111.

NEXT Monday and Tuesday brings us to the end of the other ranks singles and doubles tournaments. On Monday the finals of the singles will be played at Sookunpoo, and on Tuesday the finals of the doubles will be played at the same place at 4.30 p.m.

Colonel G. R. Hopkins, O.B.E., President of Hong Kong Area Tennis, has kindly consented to present the prizes at the conclusion of the tournament.

CLUB RUGBY TRIAL

The following two fifteens have been selected to play in the first Club Rugby Trial game on the Club ground at 5.15 p.m. sharp on Wednesday next:

Whites: F. H. Thompson; P. B. Wilson; D. Hyatt; H. F. Hopkins and H. Van Leeuwen; T. O. Morgan and Clemo; C. M. Stark; J. S. Dunnett; E. W. Stout; R. C. Gairdner; L. A. Benn; Didsbury; J. K. Birt and R. Leigh.

Stripes: Moore; R. M. Lavalie; M. G. Carruthers; G. G. Alkenhead and D. B. Nelson; G. D. Day and C. G. Tressidder; R. G. Castleton; F. Burford; E. W. Hackett; S. Lees; J. Moodie; A. G. Daziel; W. Stoker and G. G. Davies.

Reserves: J. Hutchison; R. E. Hensman; H. D. Bidwell; C. F. Needham; G. B. Godfrey; J. Roscoe; J. Thomson; D. I. Beaumont; J. Redman; Oleson; Blen; McCormick; J. C. Charter; I. M. Macrae; D. H. Stewart and A. M. Kennedy.

Reserves are requested to be on the field stripped at the same hour as they will be called on to play during the trial.

As players will be interchanged during the game, all turning out please bring with them a white and a coloured jersey. Newcomers and old timers not included above and wishing to play should turn up as they are assured of a game.

After the trial a meeting will be held in the Clubhouse at roughly 7 p.m. for the purpose of selecting Club's new captain. Newcomers are: Clemo, Didsbury, Moore, Lees, Gairdner, Stoker, Benn and Hutchison.

Brilliant Success For Miss Guterres

Miss Lee Po-Luen Beaten For The First Time This Season

Vivienne Churn's Fine "Butterfly" Effort

KWOK CHUN-HANG'S SPECTACULAR COMEBACK EFFORT

By "Adrem"

SWIMMING A WELL-JUDGED RACE, KWOK CHUN-HANG, FORMER COLONY BREAST-STROKE TITLE HOLDER, MADE A RETURN TO THE FRONT RANK WHEN HE WON THE 220 BREAST-STROKE INTERPORT TRIAL AT VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB YESTERDAY FROM FONG CHUNG-YIU, A FIRM FAVOURITE.

Other notable results were Miss Celeste Guterres' surprise win in the 50 yards back-stroke and another fine "butterfly" effort by Miss Vivienne Churn, the Colony champion. Miss Churn had the distinction — in a comparatively new field of activity — of lowering Miss Lee Po-luen's colours over a breast-stroke event for the first time this season.

Several of the candidates for steady pace throughout and refused to be hurried.

Lawrence III

W. Lawrence, who was expected to start in the back-stroke event, is under doctor's advice to confine himself to his home, while B. S. Wilson, the European Y.M.C.A. star, who was conceded a good chance of securing a place in the same event, did not turn up until too late.

As already stated, it was Kwok's fine judgment and experience which gained him first place in the breast-stroke. Fong, followed closely by Ho Pun-kun, led for most of the way and as late as the last 20 yards, the first-named was still well in the lead, with Ho lying second.

Came a fine last-minute rally by the former champion and both he and Fong appeared to touch at the same moment, the verdict finally going in favour of Kwok by the narrow margin of one-fifth of a second.

In the absence of Miss Lily Sadick, who was indisposed, Miss Tsang Fung-kwan, of Lai Tsun was favoured to win the ladies' back-stroke. She had not reckoned with Miss Celeste Guterres, however, who got away to a good start, was first at the turn, and got home by a good yard and a half, with Miss Tsang second and Miss Eileen Grant, who did quite well, third.

Easy Win

A. K. Rumjahn was much better than the other contestants in the 220 back-stroke and won by half the length of the bath. Rumjahn took the lead at about the fourth length to leave the rest of the field standing thereafter.

Lau Yiu-ting set a cracking pace for the first four lengths and was a long way out in front, but his lack of training — he has just been posted again to Central after spending over a month at Stanley — made itself evident and he faded out badly towards the end to concede second place to Poon Wing-kai, who maintained a



MISS LEE PO-LUEN

Miss Lee Po-luen, although she was able to cope with one rival using the "butterfly" stroke, could not hold off the challenge of Miss Churn's clean, powerful strokes and met with her first defeat in a major event this season.

Miss Churn must now be considered the leading ladies' breast-stroke exponent, besides already having established herself as the best free-style swimmer. Her time of 37-3/5 seconds might have been even better had she not

fouled the ropes and missed her stroke whilst coming down the second length. As it was she won by nearly three yards — a remarkable feat considering Miss Lee's record.

Several members' handicap events interspersed the programme of Interport trials. The attendance was very poor and it is feared the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund did not benefit to any great extent.

ROYAL SCOTS' GALA

Royal Scots held a gala in the Army pool yesterday, featuring a knock-out water-polo tournament, which resulted in a win for Royal Scots "A" over Signals.

Water-polo Knock-out Tournament.—First Round, Signals 3 (Bennett 2, Allen) beat H.M.S. Blank 2 (Robinson, Paul); Royal Scots A 5 (Miller 3, Hunter 2) beat Royal Air Force 0. Second Round, Signals 4 (Bennett 2, Bedford, Allen) beat Royal Scots B 0; Royal Scots A 1 (Miller) beat Middlesex 0. Final, Royal Scots A 2 (Miller, Hunter) beat Signals 0.

Invitation Relay.—1, Volunteers (A. A. da Roza, A. H. Azedo, Luiz M. Remedios, D. Hutchinson) 2.59; 2, Middlesex.

Women's Invitation Medley Relay.—1, V.R.C. A (Eileen Grant, Yvonne Yelle, Jackie Anderson), 2.56 3/5.

"REST" TEAM TO MEET CHINESE

Following have been chosen to represent "The Rest" against Combined Chinese in the charity football game on October 10 on Club ground at 4.30 p.m., in aid of the funds of B.F.R.D.C.

Moxham (Engineers); Blackburn (Police) and Sheehan (Middlesex); Honeywell (Navy), Williamson (Kowloon), Wilkinson (Middlesex); B. Gosano (Kwong Wah), Howlett (Police), Fowler (Club), O'Regan (Navy) and Woods (Royal Scots). Manager:—Mr. W. F. Hollands.

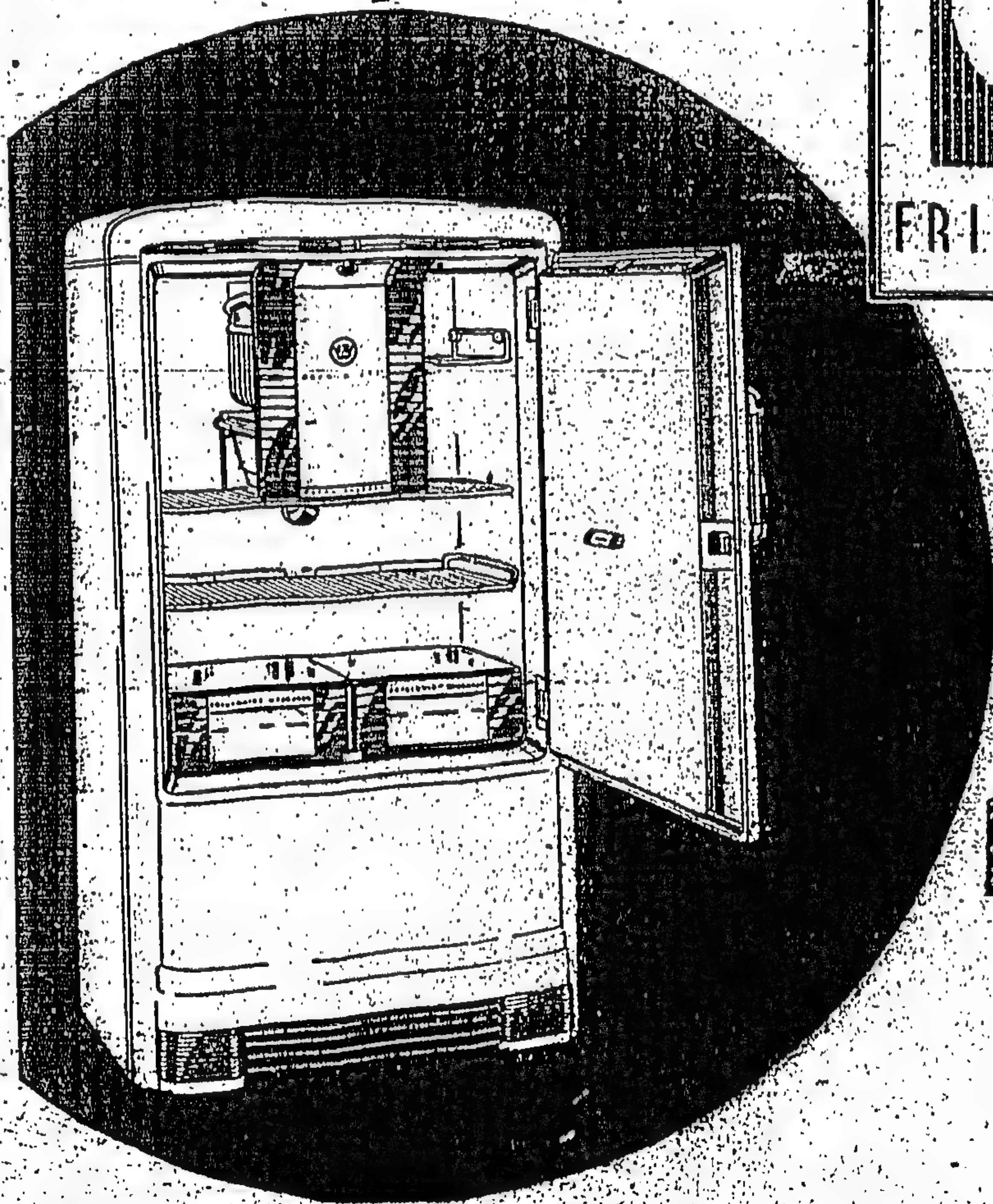
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Following will represent International in Third Division against Engineers at Military ground on Saturday:—

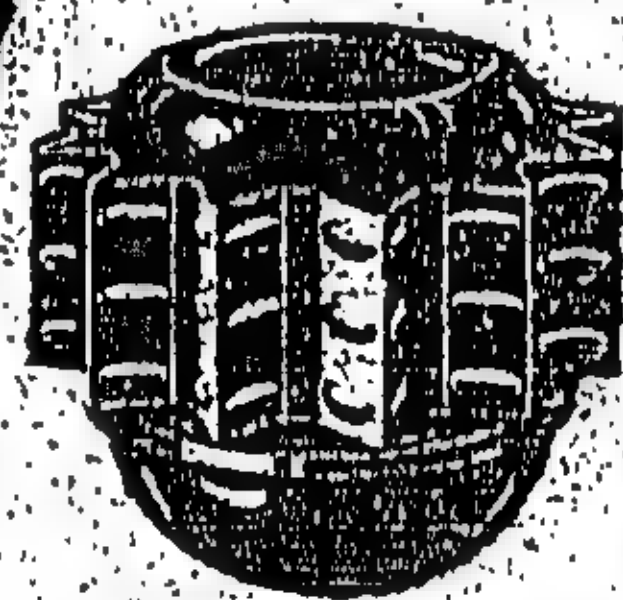
S. Bux; D. Aquino and Z. Gosano; W. Wilkinson, J. Gosano and A. A. Rumjahn; A. Remedios, H. Campos, R. Rocha, V. M. Marques and W. Sprinkle (Capt.).

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MACHINE-GUN ATTACK ON EUSTON EXPRESS

Widespread Nazi Raids On Murky Autumn Day

"Night" Bombing In The Gloom

AN EXPRESS TRAIN FROM EUSTON TO NORTH OF ENGLAND WAS HEAVILY MACHINE-GUNNED BY GERMAN AIRMEN AND SEVERAL PASSENGERS WOUNDED WHEN PASSING THROUGH A SMALL MIDLAND TOWN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

NORWAY STUBBORN

The recently instituted Nazi "new order" in Norway has been given an icy reception by the general public, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency in London yesterday.

The agency cites an article in the Norwegian Nazi organ "Fritt Folk" threatening opponents of the movement.

The paper states there are reports that some terror is still going on, especially among business circles in Oslo. It warns those concerned that assistance will be given to supporters of the Nazi Party.—Reuter.

KILLED ON K.C.R.

When crossing the railway track near the 11-1/2-mile post, a Chinese was knocked down and killed by a locomotive from Kowloon at 6 p.m. yesterday.

The train, which left Euston shortly after mid-day, was stopped a few miles after the attack had ceased, but as none of the wounded were in a serious condition, they were taken on to the next large town to receive hospital treatment.

THE DINING CAR OF THE EXPRESS WAS DAMAGED, BUT THE ATTEMPT OF THE GERMAN AIRMEN TO BOMB THE TRAIN IN ADDITION WAS UNSUCCESSFUL, THOUGH SOME HIGH EXPLOSIVES WENT QUITE CLOSE.

This was the most exciting incident in a day during which the German Air Force went "night" raiding over England in the first gloom of Britain's autumn.

It was one of those cloudy, murky days when artificial light is needed in large offices, and it produced a variety of methods by the Nazi airmen, which did not include raiding in mass formation.

Single aircraft kept the defences of South-East England and the Home Counties on the qui vive most of the day, but, for the most part, they kept above murky clouds and carried

out random bombing in which some London boroughs suffered superficial damage.

Air Ministry Report

Anti-aircraft batteries were active and in the East London district where planes were reported overhead, for a short time every few minutes the barrage was as heavy as night gunfire.

An Air Ministry communique, reviewing the attacks on the basis of reports received up to 4 p.m., says that several houses were demolished in London boroughs, but it is not expected that the casualties will be heavy.

"Elsewhere, bombs were dropped at various points in the Thames Valley, Essex, Kent and Cornwall, but no serious damage and no fatal casualties are reported from any of these districts.

"A number of casualties, including a few who were fatally injured, were caused in a city in the Midlands and another small Midlands town where a number of houses were demolished, but little other damage is reported.

"A single enemy plane was shot down in an attack on a town in the Home Counties where a number of persons were killed and seriously injured by bombs and machine-gun bullets."

There were three alert warnings in the London area during the day, of which the last, in the afternoon, was the longest.—Reuter.

CHINESE LEAFLET RAID ON PEIPING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Reports received in Shanghai last night state that Chinese aircraft appeared over Peiping between 9.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. yesterday.

Thousands of pamphlets in the Chinese and Japanese languages were dropped.—Our Own Correspondent.

STOP PRESS

New York reports announce that Hitler and Mussolini are to meet for an important conference to-day, which is believed to be connected with the Italian invasion of Egypt now stalled at Sidi Barrani.—Reuter.

R.A.F. OUT ON TOP

SPEAKING AT GLASGOW YESTERDAY, AIR VICE-MARSHAL R. E. SAUL, OF THE FIGHTER COMMAND, CLAIMED THAT MAN FOR MAN THE R.A.F. IS MUCH SUPERIOR TO THE GERMAN AIR FORCE.

He added that of the massed formations which came over the South Coast, once the R.A.F. picked off the leaders and disposed of them, the rest quit and scattered.

Individual aircraft got through because they could not hope to pick out every one of them in thick clouds.—Reuter.

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HAMBURG BEARS BRUNT OF R.A.F. ONSLAUGHT

A SPECIAL OBJECTIVE of R.A.F. bombers during their activities over the usual extensive areas of Germany and aerodromes and bases in Holland, Belgium and France last night was Hamburg.

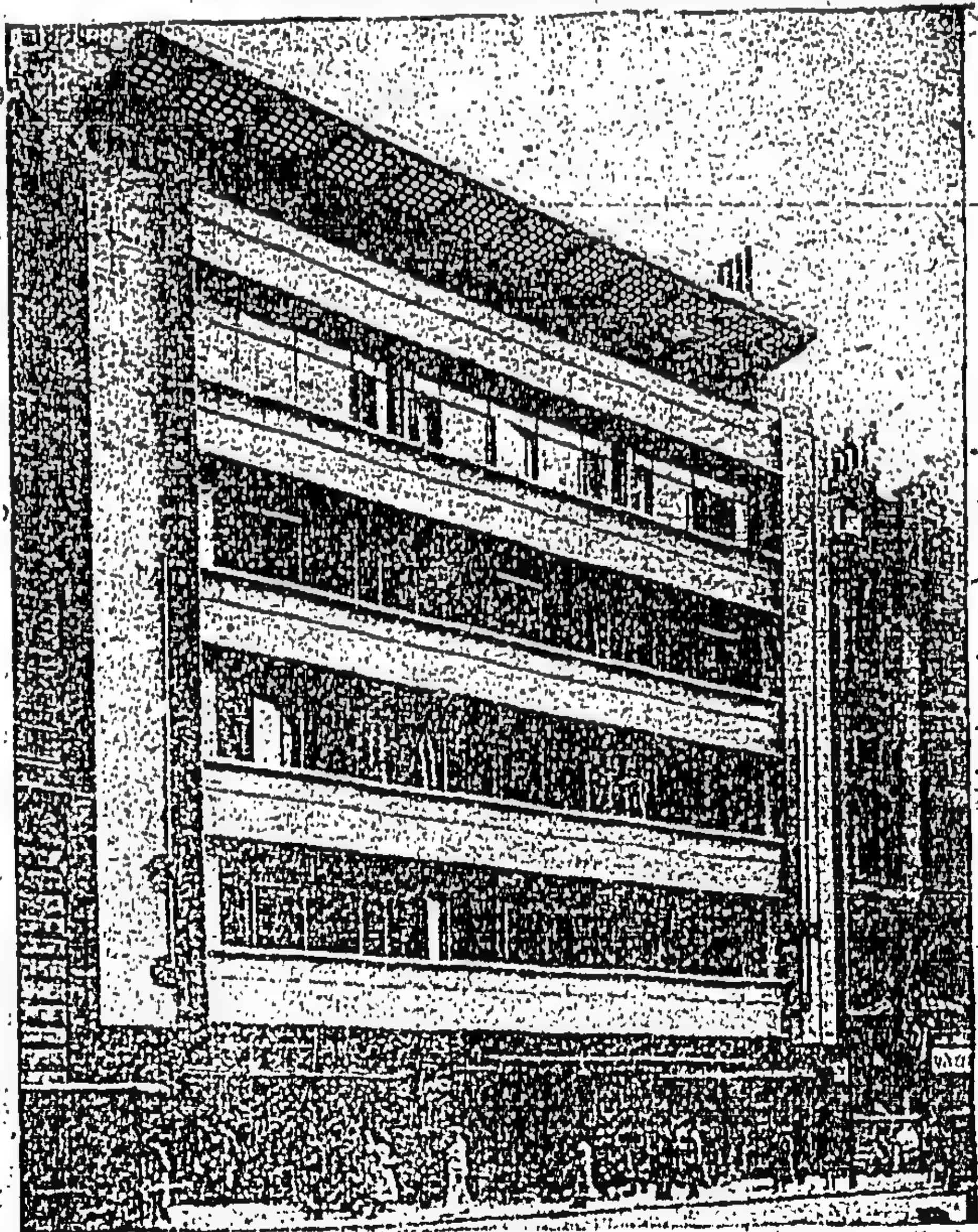
A large oil factory and storage plant was subjected for nearly two hours to an intensive bombardment by relays of heavy bombers.

It was shortly after 10 p.m. when the first raider scored direct hits on the target and started four separate fires which spread and merged into one.

From then, target finding was easy for the continuous succession of bombers which unloaded high explosives in the centre of the target area.

Later, a second fire was started and, in the words of the Air Ministry news service, "both fires were still burning strongly sending great clouds of black smoke billowing across the River Elbe as the last of the attacking forces turned for home."—Reuter.

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JAPAN'S LAST STEP ON ROAD OF PROVOCATION

"Times" Warning On New Situation

"THE TIMES" IN A LEADING ARTICLE YESTERDAY, DISCUSSING THE CASE OF JAPAN IN RELATION TO THE NEW TRI-PARTITE PACT, SAYS THAT WHILE THE MOTIVES OF NAZI DIPLOMACY ARE TRANSPARENT, REFLECTION HAS DONE LITTLE TO ELUCIDATE THE QUESTION OF WHAT JAPAN CAN HAVE HOPED TO GAIN FROM CLOSER ASSOCIATION WITH THE AXIS.

BRITAIN'S SHARP NOTE TO RUMANIA

A further Note regarding the unexplained detention of five British subjects was lodged yesterday by the British Minister in Bucharest, Sir Reginald Hoare.

The Note demands information when the arrested persons will be released or, alternatively, the exact nature of the charges against them, and when it is proposed they will be tried.

In the meantime, all is mystery, as both the police and the Iron Guard continue to deny knowledge of the arrest of Mr. A. Miller, administrator of the Astra-Romana Oil Co.—Reuter.

PURCHASE TAX DATE ANNOUNCED

The Purchase Tax comes into operation in Britain on October 21; the Treasury have made an Order to this effect which will be submitted to Parliament for approval in accordance with the terms of the Finance Act.

All taxable goods which are delivered under chargeable purchases after that date will be subject to tax.

The Purchase Tax, which was the surprise of the second War Budget in April, is a tax on sales.

It will be charged by wholesale and retail and will mean that every-day articles such as household goods, clothes and drapery, will cost more, but

Japanese statesmen have no doubt found it plausible to argue that if Germany defeated Britain and immobilised the United States by the threat of intervention in the Americas, Japan would remain undisputed mistress of the Pacific.

The familiar process of wishful thinking may have made it possible for them to believe that Germany had it in her power to achieve those results.

But, granted these assumptions, Japan was already drawing every advantage open to her from the state of war in Europe.

Germany was already making and was bound to make, a supreme effort to crush Britain and neutralise America.

She cannot do more than she is doing, even to please Japan. There is nothing, in fact, to increase her capacity or to enable her to intensify her military effort.

Taking The Plunge

Japan has plunged upon a course fraught with incalculable consequences to herself, for the advantages, even on the shortest views, appear negligible.

Like Germany in Europe, Japan could, if she had chosen the path of peaceful cooperation and partnership, have played a predominant and respected role in the economic development of China.

Like Germany, Japanese lacked the necessary self-confidence and self-restraint for this task and plunged recklessly down the path of ruthlessness and domination.

Deliberate Provocation

The many attempts made both by Great Britain and the United States to retrieve past errors and reach a sympathetic understanding with Japanese needs were treated as a sign of weakness and used as the starting point for fresh aggression.

After stating that Japan's progress in the last three years

the heaviest scale of the tax will be borne by luxuries. Its purpose is to limit home expenditure with a view to avoiding the risk of inflation. It will be worked on a percentage basis.—Reuter.

has been accompanied by deliberate provocation towards the Western Powers, "The Times" adds the pact now concluded with the Axis marks a further step and almost the last step on this path.

It must now be regretfully admitted that the caution characteristic of Japanese foreign policy in the past has been abandoned.

Future Mortgaged

The country where the pact has been received with the most unreserved satisfaction is China, whose far-seeing rulers believe that Japan, by deliberately courting the hostility of Great Britain, the British Dominions and the United States, has fatally mortgaged her future and involved herself in the consequences of Germany's coming defeat.—Reuter.

RIOM TRIAL ARRAY OF WITNESSES

Fifty-three witnesses in the French war guilt trial have been heard by the Supreme Court at Riom in the last few days, according to Lyons radio yesterday.

Witnesses included General Weygand, General Colson, General George, General Vuillemin, General Blanchard and General Mittelhauser, as well as M. Georges Bonnet, former Foreign Minister and supporter of the Munich Agreement.

M. Guy La-Chambre, former Air Minister, M. Edouard Daladier and General Gamelin were also questioned.—Reuter.

ANOTHER BRITON KIDNAPPED IN RUMANIA

Another British subject has been kidnapped in Rumania, it was stated in Bucharest yesterday.

Percy Clark, 60-year-old head of a British engineering firm at Ploesti, was taken from his room in a Bucharest hotel by three youths in civilian clothes who forced him to accompany them to an unknown destination.—Reuter.

H.M.S. SAPHO SUNK BY A MINE

The Board of Admiralty announced yesterday that H.M. yacht Sapho (Commander Wreland, R.N.R.) has been sunk, probably by an enemy mine. Next of kin of casualties have been informed.—Reuter.

AMERICAN TANKS FOR BRITAIN

Two dozen American tanks, first instalment of 200 over-age tanks being supplied to Britain, crossed the border into Canada yesterday.—Reuter.

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Soviet Policy In Far East

The Soviets have not announced their willingness to enter into a non-aggression pact with China on condition that China is split up into spheres of interest.

This was the categorical statement elicited by Reuter in Moscow in reply to an enquiry regarding the report circulating earlier.

"But —"

The official statement added, however, that the Soviet policy of good relations would not exclude the possibility of a rapprochement with Japan, provided, as M. Molotov stated in August, there was good will on both sides.—Reuter.

EIRE BOMBED IN "ERROR"

The German Government will express its regret to the Eire Government for having "erroneously" dropped bombs on Irish territory and will offer to pay compensation, according to the official Nazi news agency yesterday.

The agency stated investigation had shown the bombs really were launched from an aircraft which, however, had lost its way!

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IL DUCE AND HITLER GOING INTO HUDDLE ON EGYPT

ACCORDING TO REPORTS REACHING NEW YORK YESTERDAY HITLER AND MUSSOLINI WILL MEET FOR AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE TO-DAY.

Recent political and diplomatic developments have diverted Hitler's attention to the military situation in the Middle East which seems likely shortly to become an almost decisive factor in the war, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

It is because Marshal Graziani realises the importance of the stakes where Italy is concerned that he is proceeding so slowly methodically and skilfully.

His task is one of great difficulty since he has not only the question of transport across the desert, water supply and feeding men and guns, but his sea communications with Italy are constantly menaced by the British Fleet.

Geographical conditions make deployment of his forces practically impossible and his long line of communications to the rear is exposed to air and naval attacks.

It is suggested the Germans may send large numbers of Stuka dive bombers but the question of supply enters here also, while it is pointed out that Hurricanes and Spitfires have dealt successfully with the menace of dive bombers in other fields, like Dunkirk.

The Longer The Tougher

Another point in Britain's favour is that Italian difficulties will increase with the advance while Britain's strength will grow. Hence Marshal Graziani's caution.

His defeat would be more than a disaster; it would be fatal. Not only would it mean the end of Abyssinia which, cut off from help, would quickly disintegrate, not only would the situation in Tunisia be gravely compromised, but it is doubtful whether the Italian people, already lukewarm about the war and dissatisfied by privations, would stand for such a setback.

BECAUSE OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED THERE IS SOME SUGGESTION THAT THE AXIS MAY TRY TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONS IN LIBYA IN COLD STORAGE, WHILE THEY SEEK ANOTHER LINE OF APPROACH VIA THE BALKANS AND SYRIA.

The difficulties which beset such a scheme are many and obvious. An Italian defeat in Libya would probably produce devastating reactions in the Balkans and possibly even further north.

Combined Campaign?

Mussolini is apparently en route to meet Hitler, while Count Ciano, his Foreign Minister, has also left Rome for an undisclosed destination.

Reports of the forthcoming meeting have aroused considerable speculation.

One suggestion is that a combined winter campaign in Africa might be the chief subject under consideration.—Reuter.

"Nothing To Report"

A communique issued by British G. H. Q. in Cairo yesterday states: "Nothing of importance to report."—British Wireless.

BOOTLEG TRAFFIC IN FOOD!

A sharp halt is to be called to "bootlegging" transactions in foodstuffs by a law published in Madrid yesterday.

Spain's extremely difficult food problem has been greatly worsened by many producers not selling through Government channels and a widespread bootleg traffic has sprung up which is said to be sabotaging the Government scheme of rationing and price control.

Bootleggers find a ready sale for sugar at 3/- per lb., lentils and rice at 1/3d a lb., olive oil at 7/- a litre and for many other commodities.

The law now published provides fines from 1,000 to 500,000 pesetas.

In addition a sentence of a year in a penal labour battalion may be imposed and the penalties apply to both buyers and sellers.

People denouncing guilty parties will receive 40 per cent of the fine, while those buying solely to denounce offenders will themselves be exempt from punishment.—Reuter.

RETORT TO GERMAN PROPAGANDA

German propagandists are spreading reports throughout occupied countries that the London food distribution machinery has broken down.

Purpose of these reports is somewhat obscure unless it is an endeavour to discount the Nazis' own inability or refusal to carry out equitable food distribution for populations for which they are responsible.

In fact, there is no shortage of most food and none of essentials in London shops.

So true is this that those persons whose ordinary shops at which they registered have been bombed by the Nazis have been given "rover coupons" entitling them to draw on supplies in any other shop.

That supplies are fully equal to demands and also the meat ration has recently been increased show there is no difficulty about food distribution in London which is the main target of Nazi terrorism. Food centres dealing with victims of the indiscriminate Nazi bombing have not so far found it necessary to collect ration coupons from people they serve, so adequate are food supplies.—British Wireless.

BOMBS IN SWEDEN

THE SWEDISH RADIO YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THAT DURING THE NIGHT FOREIGN PLANES DROPPED BOMBS NEAR MALMOE.

The bombs did some damage but no one was injured.

The Swedish Government is asking the Riksdag for another £2,000,000 for defence purposes.—Reuter.

LORD HALIFAX TO LEAD UPPER HOUSE

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, is to be Leader of the House of Lords in the place of Lord Caldecote, the new Lord Chief Justice.

He will be assisted, it is announced from No. 10, Downing Street, by Lord Snell, who will continue as Deputy Leader.—Reuter.

EGYPT'S TREASURES

EGYPT IS TAKING SUITABLE PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE HER LITERARY TREASURES FROM THE DANGERS OF AIR RAIDS.

Many thousands of valuable manuscripts, ancient copies of the Koran, and other sacred books are being stored away from danger in a huge cave in the hills behind the old city of Cairo.

This cave, incidentally, was used by the ancient Egyptians as a safe storage place in time of war.—Reuter.

DUKE OF KENT TOURS FIRE STATIONS

The Duke of Kent yesterday visited a number of London Fire Brigade centres. During the tour there was an air raid warning and heavy gunfire could be heard. He went to London Fire Brigade headquarters and the other centres visited were in south and east London.—British Wireless.

Heinkel Thought He Was Alone

Describing recent air-duels over the North Sea the Air Ministry news service says a Heinkel 115 plane dived out of dense cloud over the North Sea and dropped two bombs towards a convoy. Both bombs missed.

Believing he had the sky to himself the German pilot made ready for a second attack but a fighter of the Coastal Command escorting the convoy swooped through a cloud bank and with two machine-gun bursts set the enemy afire. The tanks of the Heinkel blew up—drenching the nose of the Blenheim with oil. Near sea level the plane broke into pieces.

Because the windows of the British fighter were so thickly coated with the enemy's oil the pilot and navigator had a difficult journey back but made a safe landing.

Another incident occurred when while on night patrol off the East Anglian coast a Hudson of the Coastal Command intercepted two Heinkel bombers. The Hudson singled out one Heinkel for attack manoeuvring so that both the front and rear guns could be used alternately. The German was destroyed. The other Heinkel fired a short but ineffective burst at long range and then made off.—British Wireless.

IN MEMORY OF AN "OLD BOY"

Among yesterday's gifts towards aircraft is one of £4-8-6d from a south Oxford council school in memory of an old boy airman who had been killed in action.—British Wireless.

BRITISH DEPOT FOR DERELICTS: NAZI 'PLANE JUNK-HEAP'

GERMAN PLANES brought down in Britain range from total wrecks to machines practically undamaged in forced landings, and an examination of them shows every phase of German aircraft development.

In one depot in south-east England, smashed-up planes are piled up nearly as high as a house.

Near them are fighters and bombers in perfect condition. Every device, every part, every inch of these machines has been examined by experts who have taken them up into the air and know the exact performance of the Messerschmidt, Dornier, Heinkel and Junkers.

Generally speaking, German machines brought down so far are made of good material and well finished. They have certain weaknesses, but British experts are naturally not going to give the Germans a broad hint for remedial.

Petrol and oil is standard, but some of the planes have gadgets to enable substitutes to be used.

One machine, for instance, has a special tank of high-standard fuel for the take-off. Once in the air the pilot can switch over to a lower grade of fuel.

Self-sealing tanks of fibre, rubber and leather are used, in which bullet-holes rapidly close up.

The knowledge gained from the examination of these machines is of immense value and help to our pilots who know just what to expect in battle. No doubt the Germans are seeking for new types, but some of these, too, will crash and lay bare their secrets.—Reuter.

SYRIA FOOD SHORTAGE

A BEYROUT MESSAGE REPORTS A SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF FOOD IN SYRIA.

All over the country, people are queuing up for bread, flour and other rations.

There is a petrol shortage, too, and private cars have been ordered off the roads during the month of October.

Taxis have had their allowance cut down to 24 gallons a month.—Reuter.

FRENCH TRAMWAY MAN KIDNAPPED

Lu Ho-shang, inspector of the French Tramway Company in Shanghai, was kidnapped early yesterday morning. Five men visited his house in Avenue Joffre and took him away. Lu is said to have opposed the strike. Central News.

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THE SIGHTING OF A STRONG ENEMY NAVAL FORCE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN WHICH COULD NOT BE BROUGHT TO ACTION, IS REPORTED BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The report says British naval forces carried out a sweep in the eastern and central Mediterranean from September 29 to October 2 in the course of which additional military forces were landed at Malta.

During this period a strong enemy naval force was sighted by our reconnaissance aircraft. This enemy force was then 100 miles away from our fleet and already steaming towards its base, and it was, therefore, not possible to bring the enemy to action.

Our fleet was attacked by enemy aircraft on three occasions during these operations. No damage was sustained by our ships in any of these attacks but losses were inflicted on the enemy.

On the morning of September 29 an enemy aircraft was located shadowing our fleet and it was shot down by fighter aircraft which later in the day shot down a second enemy shadowing aircraft.

Heavy Attacks

Soon afterwards heavy attacks developed in the course of which one enemy aircraft was shot down by A.A. fire.

A fourth enemy aircraft was shot down by Fleet Air Arm fighters on October 1. — Reuter.

HAIPHONG INDEMNITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was reported in Shanghai last night that the Japanese have agreed to pay indemnity in connection with the bombing of Haiphong.

The agreement, it is said, provides payment of 10,000 piastres for each house demolished, 300 piastres for every person killed, and 30 piastres for each person wounded. — Our Own Correspondent.

NAWAB OF BHOPAL GIVES A FLIGHT

Contributions from Spitfire Funds continue to flow in as keenly as ever. Among the latest contributions, announced in London yesterday, is £54,000 from the Nawab of Bhopal, being equivalent to the cost of a whole flight of Spitfires. — Reuter.

SOVIET-FINNISH TREATY

The Soviet and Finland have signed a treaty concerning the demilitarisation and neutrality of the Åland Islands on the lines of the 1921 Convention. It was announced in Helsinki yesterday. Negotiations concerning the islands were concluded some days ago. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI BOMB

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A hand-grenade was thrown into premises housing Wang Ching-wei's latest journal, "Hing Pao," at 10 o'clock last night. Four of the employees, a watchman and two pedestrians were wounded. — Our Own Correspondent.

A liner bringing 31 children evacuated by the British Government arrived safely at an east Canadian port yesterday, says Reuter.



Czech troops stationed "somewhere in England" are now being issued with British battle dress. This picture gives a good comparison between the French uniform with which they arrived and the latest issue of the battle dress. (Copyright, Fox).

SIGN ON FOR THE W.V.S. SIGN

Britain's homely women who have pledged themselves to help in an emergency by neighbourliness are to have their own distinctive sign to show in their windows.

It is about eight inches square, will have a pale blue background, with the word "Housewives' Service" printed on it beneath the W.V.S. badge.

"More than 100,000 women in London, and many more in the provinces, have offered themselves for this service," an official of the Women's Voluntary Services said.

"We are still appealing for more women to join this service, our aim being to have at least two of these signs displayed in every street."

Motherly women with plenty of commonsense are the type most needed for this work, according to Miss K. Halpin, chief of the Metropolitan department of the W.V.S.

"Women who have joined this service are prepared to show every kind of neighbourliness, whether it is going and sitting with elderly people or invalids during an air raid, or keeping their doors open so that children and passers-by may take refuge in their homes when the alarm goes."

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JAPANESE FORCES AT CAOPANG

The Chinese military spokesman confirmed at a press conference in Chungking yesterday the report that Japanese forces in northern Indo-China have reached Caopang, strategic highway city, and declared that the purpose of the Japanese occupation of Caopang was obscure.

While the possibility that the Japanese are using Caopang as a base for an advance into Kwangsi or Yunnan along the highway from there was not ruled out, the spokesman expressed the opinion that Japanese activities at the town were probably more connected with the situation in the French colony.

The Japanese forces at Caopang, the spokesman added, comprised one regiment, probably for the purpose of protecting the flank of the forces at present at Langson, fearing a possible Chinese attack from the north. — Reuter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO "PRINCE ROBERT"

The following cable has been received by the Canadian Government from the First Lord of the Admiralty: "Please convey congratulations to all concerned on the capture of the German ship Westar. This early success for H. M. Canadian ship Prince Robert on her maiden voyage, I am sure, is a good augury for the future." — British Wireless.

WORKING WITH THE STREAM

Messages from Spanish sources in Berlin continue to stress the belief that Spain will take no active part in the war and for that reason, says one correspondent, some Central American countries which are requesting President Roosevelt to intervene with General Franco and keep Spain out of the war, are merely working with the current, as General Franco is keeping out of his own free will. — Reuter.

SPANISH LINER'S MAIDEN TRIP

The newly acquired Spanish liner Cabo de Hornos is sailing from Vigo on its first voyage to South America under the Spanish flag to-day. Passengers include the Marques de Magaz, new Spanish Ambassador to the Argentine, who formerly represented Spain in Berlin. — Reuter.

CHANDRA BOSE CHARGED

A CHARGE UNDER THE DEFENCE OF INDIA REGULATIONS WAS PROMULGATED IN CALCUTTA YESTERDAY AGAINST SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE, WELL-KNOWN CONGRESS LEFTIST LEADER, ACCORDING TO DELHI RADIO.

Bose was arrested in Calcutta in July under the Defence of India Regulations.

He is one of the most prominent of the younger generation of Indian politicians and as ex-President of Congress is ex-officio a member of the Congress Working Committee. — Reuter.

CHUNGKING PROTEST

The Chungking Ministry of Foreign Affairs has lodged protests with the British, French and Italian Embassies over the transfer of the Chinese telephone service in Tientsin to the Japanese-sponsored Tientsin Municipal Government.

The Ministry brands the action as illegal, violating treaty obligations, impairing Chinese rights and interests, and betraying the Chinese trust.

Declaring that the transfer has no legal effect whatsoever, the Ministry reserves all rights regarding it. — Central News.

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AIDED A CONVICT, FREED

Mrs. Lillian Goldstein, who was convicted at the Old Bailey of harbouring a gaol-breaker, Ruby Sparks, heard the Recorder, Sir Gerald Dodson, cancel her six months' sentence.

Binding her over, the Recorder said: "I have given a good deal of thought to your case, because one feels that in doing what you did, although it was breaking the law, you followed a natural womanly instinct in trying to succour and protect this man, with whom you had intimate relations over a period of years.

"The justice of the case does require me sending you to prison. "Make the best use of this chance, because, although you have broken the law and assisted this man, perhaps unwittingly, and because you were compelled to do so, you obstructed the police and gave a lot of trouble.

"Some Hope For You"

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Mrs. Goldstein, who is thirty-seven and lived at Wembley Park Drive, was brought from Holloway Prison, where she had begun to serve the sentence, and wore the same smart clothes as at her trial. The Recorder bound her over in her own recognisances for three years on condition that she should obey the probation officer, Miss Russet Green.

Mrs. Goldstein made no comment as she left the dock.

A.R.P. STEEL TOO DEAR

The Ministry of Supply should ensure that the prices paid for steel supplies are fair and reasonable. This is suggested in the second report of the Committee of Public Accounts.

The suggestion arises from examination of the method of ordering Anderson shelters and materials for strengthening basements. It was decided to dispense with competition in placing the order for from two to two and a half million shelters. A first order for 100,000 tons of corrugated sheets was placed with the British Iron and Steel Corporation.

The order was later extended to a total cost of £19,000,000 of which £16,100,000 was for shelters.

The committee says it is "not satisfied that the machinery established by the Iron and Steel Federation for regulating the general price level of the main products of the steel industry was necessarily the most appropriate."

The committee records "their emphatic opinion" that no industry should be exempt from an obligation to submit its cost to investigation by Government accountants for the purpose of determining the prices to be paid under non-competitive contracts with Government departments.

NEW LOW RECORDS FOR OBJECTORS

Only one man out of every 200 belonging to the 1907 class, who registered for military service, signed on as a conscientious objector. That made a new record. Altogether there was 1,658 objectors out of a total of 312,641. The percentage—half of one per cent—was slightly lower than that of the 1908 class, the lowest previously recorded. It was the third registration in a month.

THE NAZIS ARE naturally trying to cheer up their people with descriptions of a London in ruins, and the German radio yesterday quoted an un-named American journalist as having told a Lisbon newspaper that he was returning to the United States because conditions in London had become unbearable.

Actually, this paper interviewed five American journalists, including Vincent Sheean and H. R. Knickerbocker.

The paper says that all these five, though of different temperament and from different war-zones, agree on one fact—they believe fully in an English victory.

All the journalists, especially those from London, say that England is proving she can resist all air attacks and enemy raiders are meeting with ever-increasing British determination.

The English are doing excellently, the paper quotes the journalists as saying, and may soon establish air superiority.

In London yesterday, the commentator of the Mutual Broadcasting Service told his American listeners that London's spirit is as good as ever and so far military damage to

London has been "little or nothing." It is true, he said, that docks and warehouses have been bombed, but the great bulk of the damage has been to non-military objectives.

The Verdict

Yesterday, at the invitation of the Government, provincial journalists toured London, from the docklands to Buckingham Palace, and their verdict was unanimous about the damage—"bad enough in places but on the whole not nearly as bad as we thought."

They agreed that London is keeping business going as usual and is almost unaffected from the military point of view.—Reuter.

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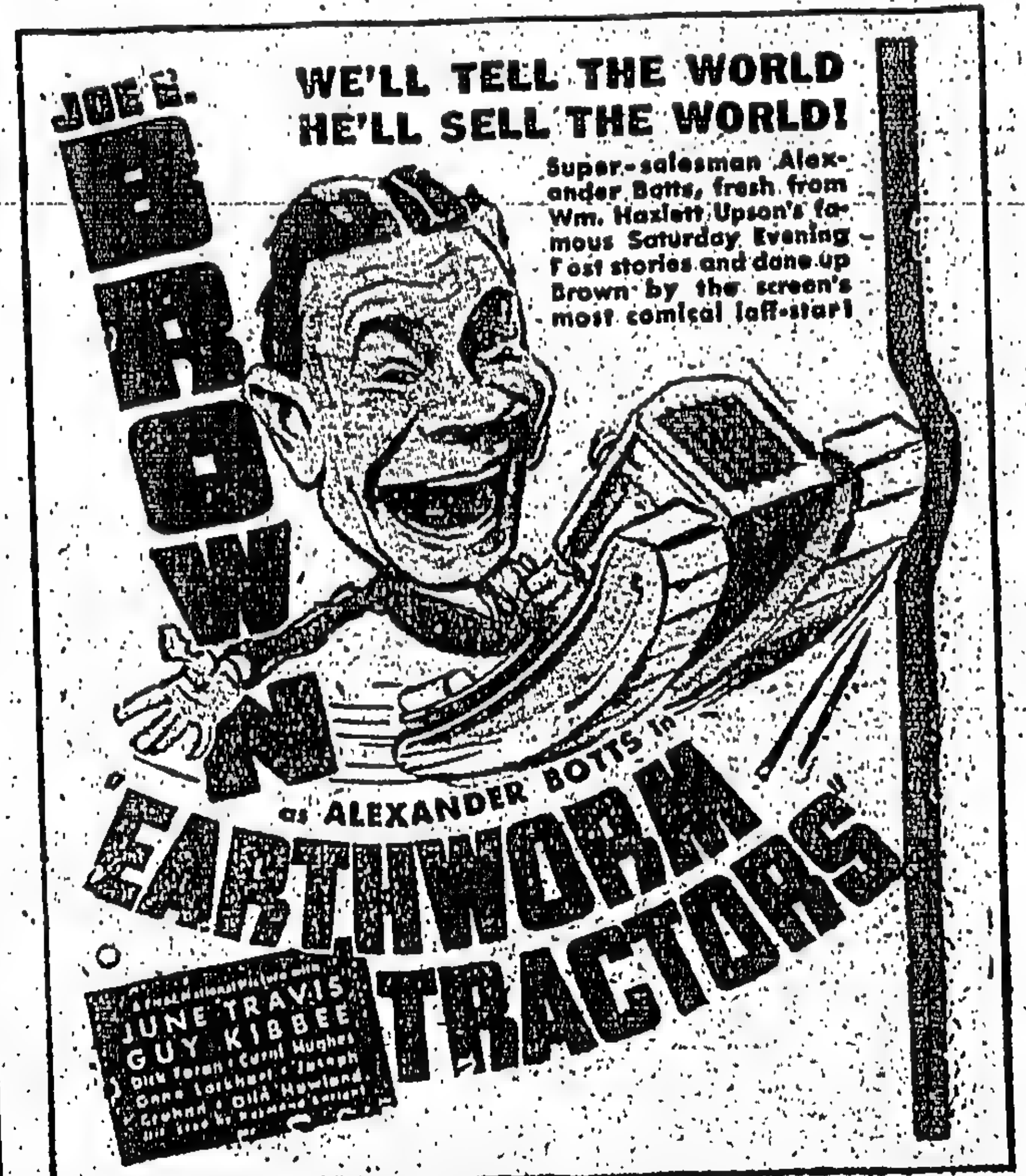
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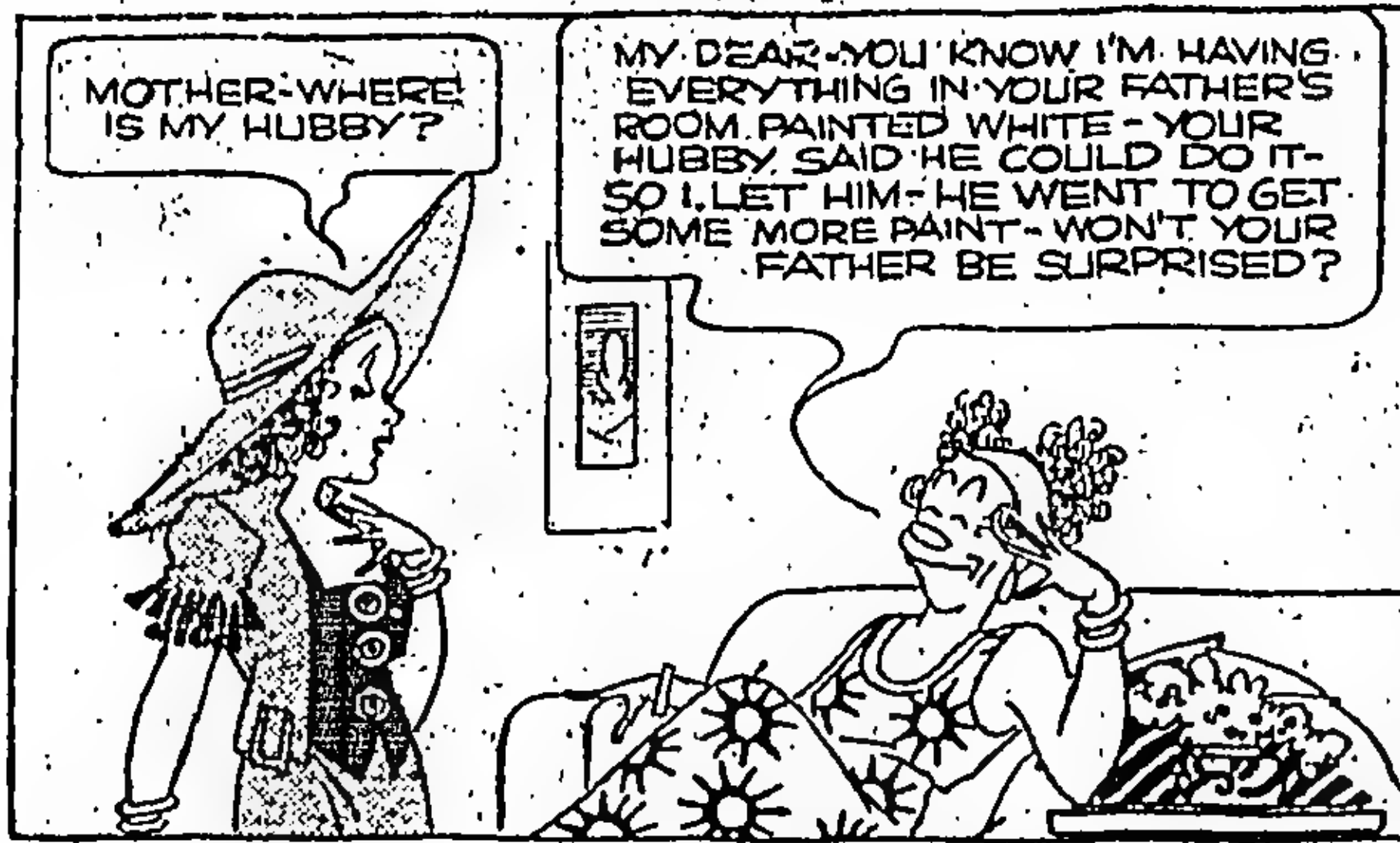
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Bringing Up Father



LIVELY ACTIVITY ON STOCK MARKET

Industrials sharply advanced on the London Stock Exchange yesterday on continued good demand while Kaffirs improved after completion of an early bout of profit-taking. Gilt-edged initially were dull but indications of a firmer tone appeared late in the session. Rhodesian coppers benefited from buying. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

MINISTRY'S LIGHT SHONE ALL WEEK-END

A LIGHT SHONE for 100 yards into the street from windows at the Ministry of Agriculture from ten o'clock one night until six o'clock the next.

"Here is a bright light in the middle of London on the whole of a week-end," said Mr. J. B. Sandbach, K.C., the Marlborough Street magistrate.

"If there had been an air raid, hundreds might have been killed and millions of pounds of damage might have been done."

He imposed a fine of £30 on Alfred Hall, a messenger at the Ministry of Agriculture in Soho Square, for causing a light to be displayed there during a week-end.

"You had better go and get it out of the Ministry as it is a fine you cannot pay," Mr. Sandbach told Hall.

Black-Out Broken

Police Constable Clark said that a bright light was shining from the third floor of the building from 10.5 p.m. on Saturday until 6.10 p.m. on Sunday night.

It came from a totally unscreened bulb, shining through two rooms into Soho-Square for a distance of about 100 yards.

Black-out material had been provided, but had not been drawn across.

Hall, a temporary messenger to the Ministry, said the furniture was being removed from the building and when he left all the removers had gone and all the lights were out.

From that moment, he contended, his responsibility ended. Asked if the Ministry would pay his fine, he said he didn't know.

"I have asked them," he said, "and they have said they had no authority from the Treasury to do it."

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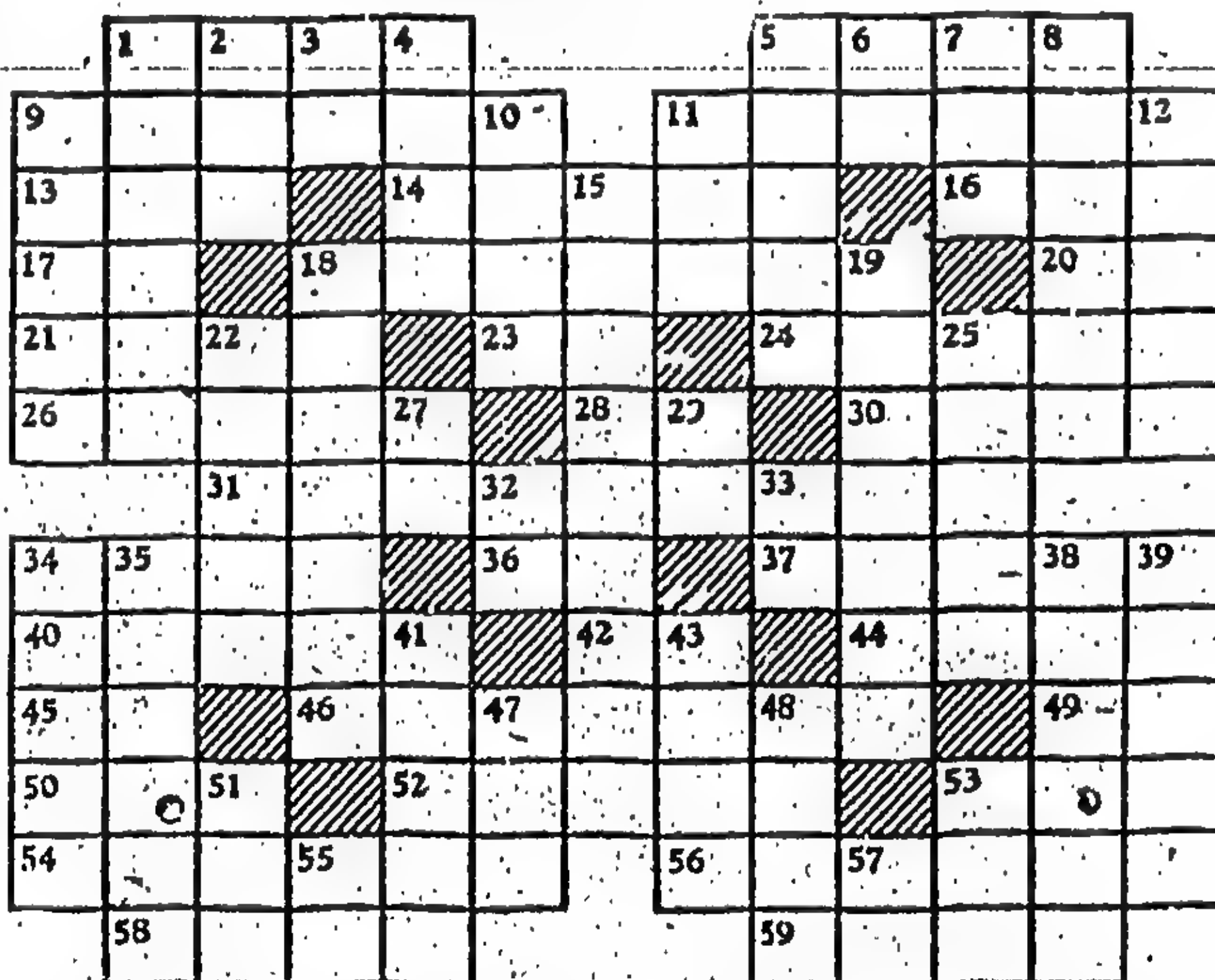
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- 18 Refers
- 20 Indo-Chinese language
- 21 Tropical tree
- 23 Exits
- 24 Step
- 26 Texas cottonwood
- 28 Symbol for calcium
- 30 Heraldic device
- 31 Constituent part
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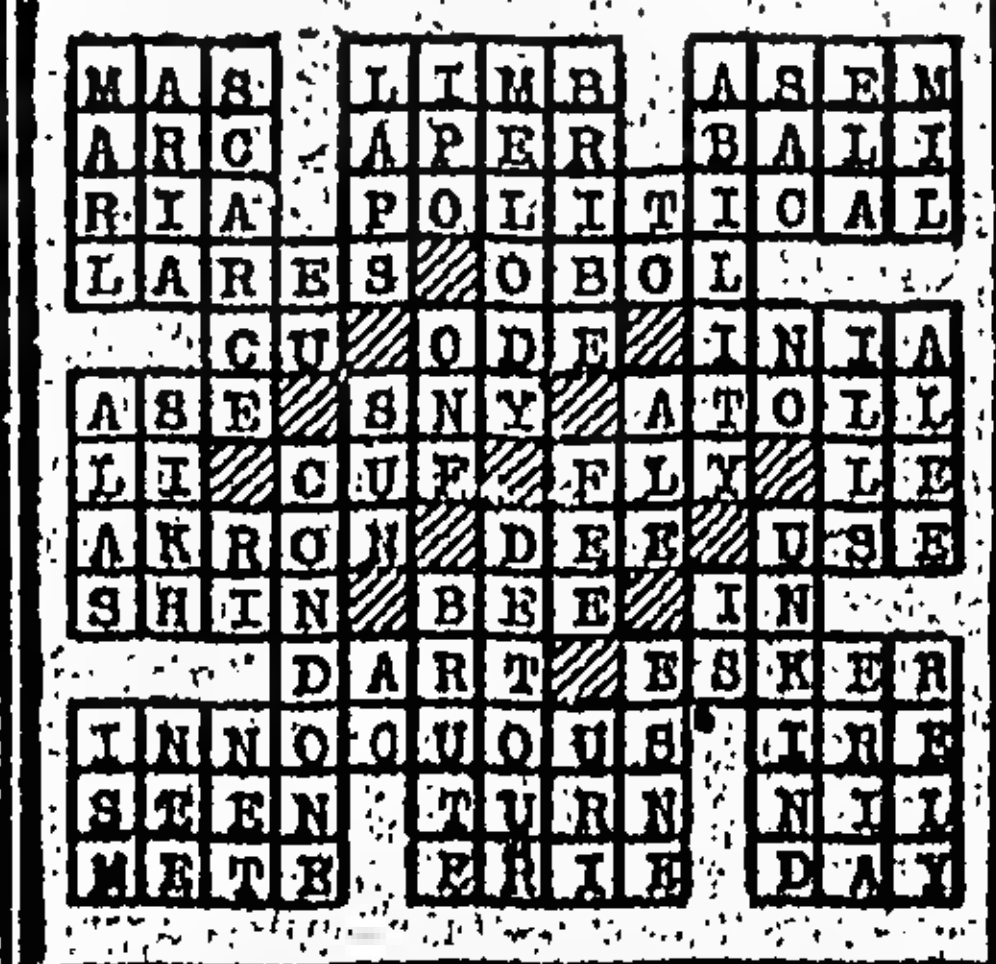
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- 2 Diving bird
- 3 Symbol for Iridium
- 4 To narrate
- 5 Demolishes
- 6 Symbol for gold
- 7 South-African antelope
- 8 Narrow pass

VERTICAL

- 9 City in Florida
- 10 Tree of Ciliana
- 11 To spread for drying
- 12 To breathe noisily
- 15 Russian
- 18 Colourless gas
- 19 Sheet in which a pattern is cut
- 22 Fastened
- 25 Put up a stake
- 27 Sacred Hindu word
- 29 Article
- 32 Mixed type
- 33 Babylonian deity
- 34 Mohammedan prince
- 35 Pivoted
- 38 To have reference
- 39 Dips out
- 41 Becomes weakened by inaction
- 43 Woody plant
- 47 Propound
- 48 Jason's ship
- 51 Chalice
- 53 Footlike part
- 55 Siberian river
- 57 Note of scale

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



BOYS AS WOODMEN

Boys are clamouring to work as lumberjacks on timber camps in Cumberland during the holiday.

"We think the attractions to the Lake District have something to do with so many young men wanting to work in Cumberland," said a Forestry Commission official. "There's a certain glamour in the lumberjack's life in picturesque surroundings, but undoubtedly the patriotic motive is also there."

Have To Rough It

"The Forestry Commissions are accepting these offers because of the shortage of unskilled labour for the timber camps."

These young men—many are undergraduates and public school boys—will have to "rough it" in the ordinary lumberjack manner. They will work a full fifty-one-hour week at the fixed schedule (as a labourer) of wages, which rises from 24s. 6d. for persons of sixteen years to 28s. 6d. for eighteen years and 50s. for twenty years.

They must all find their own lodgings in the villages.

In some parts of Cumberland school camps are being placed this summer near to the forestry centres to enable the boys to help.

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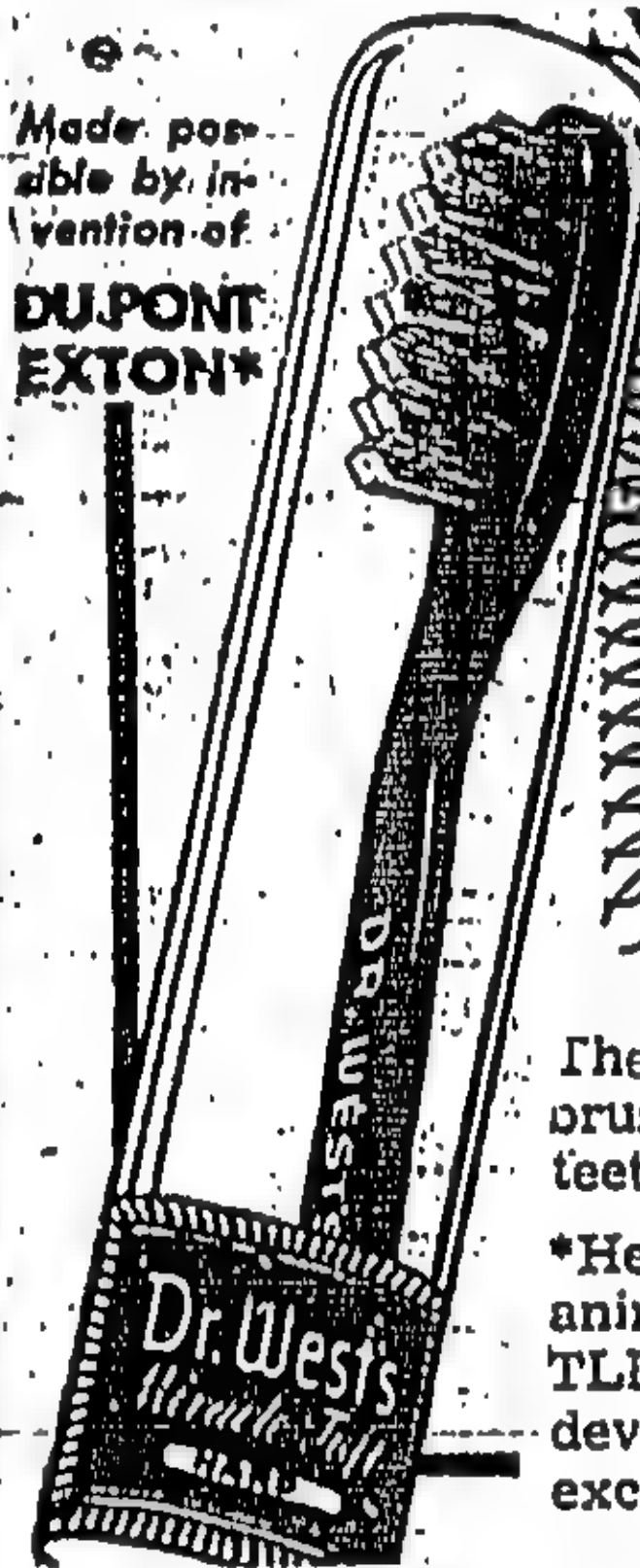
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ALTHOUGH PUBLIC ATTENTION HAS BEEN CONCENTRATED CHIEFLY UPON THE MASSED AIR ATTACKS, THE BEGINNING APPARENTLY OF THE BLITZKRIEG ON THIS COUNTRY, IT SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED THAT THERE HAS BEEN ALSO NO LITTLE SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY AT SEA, WRITES A NAVAL CORRESPONDENT.

In the first place, the air attacks have been directed both upon convoys—when they could be located—and also upon ports and naval establishments. Dover, of course, is a favourite target for the Heinkel and the Junkers, but Portsmouth, Southampton, and Portland in particular have all been the objects of Nazi attention.

That, however, is not all. There have also been two brushes between British and German light forces at sea, and all these events clearly illustrate two things—that the enemy realises that there is great importance still in the sea affair so that he cannot afford to neglect it even if attacking with aeroplanes by the thousand, and that the vigilance of the Royal Navy is, as ever, unrelenting.

Five Planes Down

Yet a third incident of importance occurred at sea, when a destroyer, H.M.S. Windsor (Lieut. Commander Huddart) and two armed trawlers, the Edwardian (Skipper F. A. Cunningham, R.N.R.) and the Peter Carey (Skipper, E. C. Catchpole, R.N.R.), recently contributed their quota to the great toll of Nazi air raiders by shooting down no fewer than five German planes in an afternoon.

In the early hours of one morning, while it was still dark, a number of British motor torpedo-boats, moving at about thirty knots, came into touch with two small enemy ships, which at first they took for E-boats.

The leading M.T.B., being too close for any other action, thereupon rammed the enemy, only to find that she was a craft of some larger class, whereby the M.T.B. sustained some damage to her bows. The next M.T.B. passed between the two enemy ships, engaging both of them effectively as she passed with machine-guns and grenades; while a third, passing on the other side of the enemy sighted two larger enemy ships, which she engaged at point-blank range with machine-guns.

That was the end of that particular encounter, but a little later one of the M.T.B.'s had a running fight with an E-boat, of which it was still too dark to see the result.

But later the M.T.B.'s were engaged by an enemy plane from a height of no more than 500 feet. Their machine-guns set the plane on fire, and when last seen it was losing height rapidly.

No Damage

In all these engagements the M.T.B.'s sustained no damage—except the bows of one of them stove in by ramming—and no casualties; all, including the damaged boat, returned safely to their base.

In the early hours of the next morning, a German force, consisting, as far as could be observed, of six armed trawlers with three E-boats was located in the North Sea by a British destroyer detachment consisting of the Malcolm, flotilla leader (Captain T. Halsay, D.S.O.) and the Verity (Lieutenant-Commander R. H. Mills). The destroyers turned their searchlights on the enemy and at once opened fire.

The results again were difficult to assess with any certainty, for the enemy immediately resorted to smoke screens to make their escape, and a smoke screen is never more effective than in the beam of a searchlight. But it was believed that one trawler and one E-boat were sunk before the enemy was able to get away.

Curious Tactics

The composition of the enemy force was curious. Armed trawlers are the slowest and clumsiest of warships, though very effective in the duties for which they are suited. The E-boats, on the other hand, are the fastest and nimblest,

so that the combination of the two seems incongruous.

It cannot be very easy for them to collaborate, and if the E-boats were included for the protection of the trawlers—or vice versa—it is curious that they should both have retreated without attempt at counter-attack when they were engaged by the sort of British force which they must have most expected to encounter.

Both incidents seem to suggest that the E-boat is hardly the really effective craft it has been vaunted to be. But in truth it seems to be but one more proof of the fact that it is the man that counts far more than the material or the weapon.

SEVEN SPITFIRE SERGEANTS

Here is the story of seven sergeant-pilots of a Spitfire squadron as told in an Air Ministry communiqué:—

They were in the official words "having the dog-fight of their lives off Dover and Folkestone," having run into Junkers dive-bombers and Messerschmitts.

Sergeant No. 1 fired two bursts at a ME 110, saw one of its crew bale out, and watched the aircraft go down smoking furiously.

No. 2 caught a ME 109 as it was climbing and sent it down in flames.

No. 3, at 10,000 ft., attacked one of 12 Junkers 87. He saw it drop apparently out of control and then turned to deal with a Messerschmidt 109, which was coming for him.

BOOKS NOT TO BE TAXED

Newspapers are exempted from the Purchase Tax. Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in making the announcement, which obviously had the hearty goodwill of M.P.s, showed plainly that the important wartime duty carried out by the Press towards the nation had chiefly influenced the decision.

The Chancellor freed books, at least for the present, and also periodicals and the vast mass of printing from the tax.

Among the things on which tax will not now have to be paid are account books, printed music, printed leaflets and pamphlets, including book lists, trade catalogues, trade lists, trade posters, and other trade advertising material. Diaries are practically the sole exception to the concessions.

"Vital Factor"

The Chancellor said it had been suggested to him that if the tax were levied there might be in certain events a substantial decrease in the circulation of newspapers.

"I certainly do not think that in this time of war," said Sir Kingsley, "it would be in the national interest that there should be either a decrease in the circulation of newspapers or a diminution of the service which they provide for the public."

M.P.s cheered this. "Not only a free Press but a widely distributed Press is, I recognise, a vital factor, particularly to-day, in the dissemination of information and in the maintenance of public morale."

"The German fighter," said the sergeant, "disappeared into clouds, skidding sideways."

No. 4, still higher, avoided three enemy fighters and found another in front of him. He fired five short bursts and watched it go straight down in flames. Then he turned at a second Messerschmidt 109 and disabled it.

No. 5, who was wounded, destroyed a Heinkel.

Nos. 6 and 7 attacked Messerschmidt 109s, saw them disappear with smoke pouring out.

This Spitfire squadron was able to claim two dive-bombers and four fighters shot down in a few minutes.

In less than an hour the skies over the Kent coast were cleared.



Messrs. M. L. Bravan and E. Hingsworth, snapped during last Sunday's inter-district A.R.P. competition at Shamshulpo.

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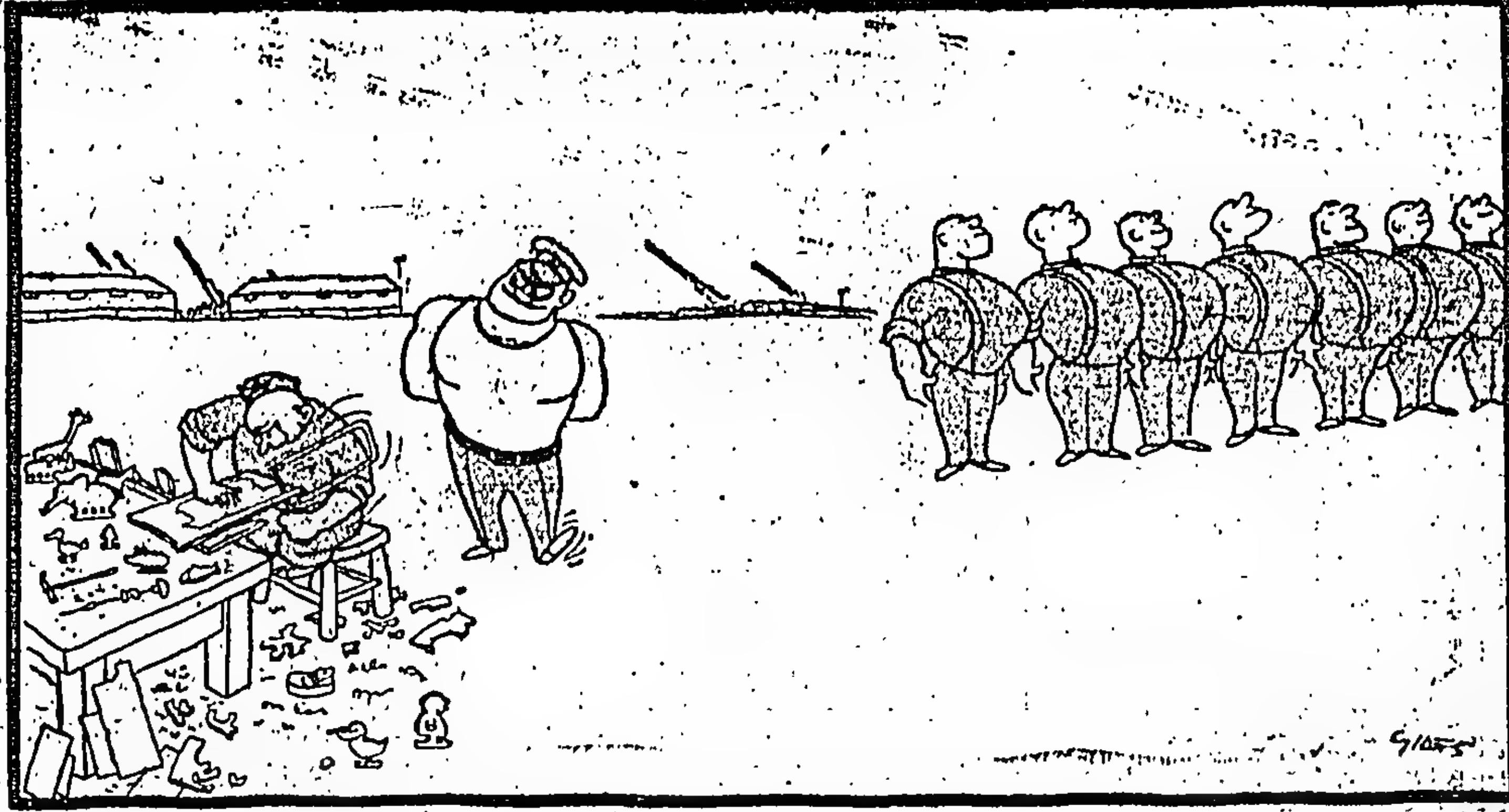
ARMOUR FOR INFANTRYMAN

Report that the British War Inventions Committee is "seriously considering" the possible use of armour of some sort for the protection of individual soldiers looks back to unsuccessful efforts that way, except as to the modern helmet twenty odd years ago. It reminds historically of the time when bullets took the place of arrows, and the feudal system, which one may think of as a miscellany of totalitarian governments whose dictators warred with each other almost as a sport, found itself weakened by loss of the immunity with which armoured men on armoured horses could ride down unarmoured men on foot.

The armoured knight was in effect the medieval tank. He was not completely immune. The arbalest or crossbow hurled its bolt with such vigour that it penetrated armour. But the arbalest had to be wound up, which took time, and was more effective in siege than battle. The later English long-bow, fast and powerful, really foreshadowed musketry in embarrassing a charge of knights.

England knew the value of the long-bow. It won Crecy, Poitiers, and Agincourt. There was at one time a law in England that every man, whatever his station, clergy and judges excepted, should own a long-bow (which meant something longer than himself), keep it ready for use, and provide that his sons should begin practicing archery at the age of 7. England was long a nation of archers, to which condition Macaulay attributes a carefulness of the Tudors not to carry absolutism beyond the limit of public acquiescence.

An armoured knight on foot was almost as useless as a tank without gasoline. From his armoured horse he looked down figuratively as well as literally on the infantry of archers, crossbowmen, pikemen, and miscellaneous armed villains. It is significant of the change that the present consideration of armour is for the benefit of infantrymen.



"We were rather HOPING you'd be joining us in a little drill this morning Private Wilkins."

The Ghost Of Massey Shaw

He was the chief officer of the London Fire Brigade during, roughly, the pre-Raphaelite epoch—the elegant, the redoubtable, Massey Shaw. A photograph hangs in the mess room at the Fire Brigade headquarters in Lambeth. You never saw a handsomer pair of whiskers. They may even have fluttered the bosom of the Great Queen herself. At all events she presented their owner with a fine marble clock that still ticks away on the mantelshelf there.

He was a buddy of the Prince of Wales, too, whom he often entertained at his house at Southwark. He used to send a fast brake for him when a nice juicy fire occurred, and the Prince would change into fire kit and ride to the fire incognito.

They haven't forgotten him at the Fire Brigade, but I suppose he'd have been hardly a name to you and me, if Gilbert hadn't seen to it. Do you remember the Song of the Fairy Queen in "Iolanthe"?

"Oh, Captain Shaw!
Type of true love kept under!
Could thy brigade,
With cold cascade
Quench my great love, I wonder!"

Now, in this latter end of history, the name of Massey Shaw comes before the footlights again. But the footlights are more grandiose than those that flared round the rim of the Savoy Theatre stage. They are the fires of a burning city, of sinking ships, of oil tanks and ammunition dumps blazing like Lucifer's embattled cohorts.

Once more you went fire-fighting, oh ghost of Massey Shaw! But those fires were too desperate for you to extinguish them, despite your two centrifugal pumps capable of delivering 3000 gallons per minute, and your "Sixty 100ft. lengths of 3/4in. hose" (I quote the specifications of the fireboat Massey Shaw, commissioned in 1885, built by Samuel White and Co., of Cowes.)

Half the North Sea could hardly have extinguished them. But you snatched from the jaws of doom many hundreds of gallant lads and men who would have perished but for you. I think that will have pleased you, oh ghost of Massey Shaw, quite a lot more than the footlights of "Iolanthe".

The Massey Shaw is one of the regular fire-fighting boats that the London Fire Brigade keeps on the London stretch of the river for use in dockside fires.

She is not built for elegance, but to spout jets of water to put out fires. But it was a good thing, those Dunkirk nights, she was as broad as that; it meant so many more soldiers could be packed in her, flank to flank, sardine-wise.

The Dunkirk "episode," as you might call it with Japanese under-statement, was under way. A message came from the Home Office to the Brigade at Lambeth: could they send one of their fireboats along to Dunkirk? There were quite a number of fires blazing there, indeed they could.

It was decided to send the Massey Shaw with Station Officer Youngman, and the Lowestoft fisherman, to take charge. A call was issued for volunteers, 12 men being needed. A little embarrass-

singly, practically the whole of the river-service of nearly 400 men volunteered.

It was then decided to divide the honours between the regular Fire Brigade and the Auxiliary Fire Service. (I find the constitution of the six Auxiliaries very engaging: one printer, one stockbroker's clerk, one barrister from Cambridge, one buyer from Houndsditch, one painter, one crane-driver.)

In less than four hours the fantastic little galleon was ready to set out. And then, Dunkirk or no Dunkirk, it was discovered that no one on board had the Port of London authority to pilot a craft below Tilbury.

Armies and empires may be locked in a life-and-death embrace, the very planet may be cracking, but regulations are re-

By
Louis Golding

gulations. So a telephone message was put through from Pinches, an amiable and sensitive gentleman, no longer young, who designs medals and manufactures them in a small riverside factory in Lambeth. Would he pilot the Massey Shaw to Ramsgate, and at the end of her adventures, if she survived, would he pilot her back again?

"Where is my hat?" said Mr. Pinches, putting down the receiver.

What follows is largely derived from the log book of the Massey Shaw drawn up from hour to hour by Station Officer Youngman during its three journeys to and from Dunkirk... on "special service," as his expanded two-sheet report briefly phrases it.

I am not suggesting that the tale of the Massey Shaw is in itself more spectacular than the narrative might be of any of many hundreds of the small boats that fared between Dunkirk and the south-eastern ports in the course of the "episode."

All I say is there is something that for my part I find particularly winning in the performance of the snub little fireboat destined for duties so different in such unlike waters.

I like the thought of that crane-driver, that stockbroker's clerk hauling the patient soldiers aboard under the thud of the bombers' propellers in the devil's glare of the parachute floats. It may even be I like the thought of Captain Massey Shaw most of all, tugging with one hand at his spectral whiskers and brandishing in the other the ghost of his little hatchet.

The Massey Shaw passed Dunkirk Harbour on her starboard bow, and proceeded towards the beach—about three miles east of the Mole—where there were soldiers of the B.E.F. both on the beach and in the water waiting to be rescued. (The report wastes no time in getting to the heart of the matter.)

Air battles were in progress, heavy bombs were dropping, and machine-gun fire was taking place all around us. I gave orders for the

crew to take cover to the best advantage. The fireboat was then moored head-on to the beach with C-Q-R. anchor out at the stern, used for kedging, which proved effective.

"A small skiff manned by two men went away with a grass line to the shore. I then approached the crew of a ship lying off at anchor and requested the loan of a small boat, my request being granted. The rocket apparatus was taken this time and as the boat entered the breakers it was fired, but fell short. A man then dived overboard, swam ashore and established the line, but, as operations were in progress, the line parted and had to be re-established.

"The ferrying of troops with the use of the small boat was now in progress and going well. By midnight 60 British troops were brought on board. At this the two motor launches fouled our shore lines, having picked them up with their propellers and, to my great disappointment, after consultation, we were compelled to cut the lines. The two boats with their crews then towed off to their craft and safely moored.

"At 04.00 hours on Saturday, June 1, the Massey Shaw headed for Ramsgate. The troops were made as comfortable as possible. The weakest were put in the engine-room, cabin and hose-room, while the remainder were placed on deck and covered over with tarpaulin, and we provided refreshments and food to the best of our ability."

Seventeen wounded men, I learned, were accommodated on the metal plates of that engine-room, in a space where I would have thought it difficult to stow a few books. The craft was swimming in blood above and below decks. They have scrubbed hard since, but they have not quite managed to get the stains out yet.

During the journey home the fireboat was followed for several miles by enemy aeroplanes using Verey lights and machine-guns. That is all we are allowed to know about that. It is as if a van were coming up behind with the heavy luggage. Arrived at Ramsgate at 06.45 hours, they discharged their 60 British troops and a quantity of war material. Bren guns, gas masks, theodolites. The crew then set fair and rested at about 14.00 hours.

Orders came to sail again two and a half hours later. This time the naval authorities fixed two machine-guns on board and provided rifles. (The first time there had been nothing more formidable than hose-pipes to keep hostile aircraft at bay.) A little healthy ferrying was done on this occasion. Ten boatloads of mixed troops were taken on board (about 500) and transported to two paddle-boats. The Massey Shaw herself brought back a further boatload of troops, and some more theodolites.

Still once more, at 04.00 of the evening of the third day, the fireboat chugged out across the horrid water, pitted by bombs, lacerated with machine-guns, illuminated by flares from above and livid below with hissing phosphorances. They had less luck this time with their salvaging. The fireboat proceeded along

Co-Ordination Of Our Home Defence Forces

By Brigadier General John Charteris.

There is a clamant need for an authoritative explanation of the system of co-ordination of our home defensive forces. Not only the general public, but serving officers have no precise information on the subject, and the ignorance in localities which are likely to be called upon to function at short notice is highly alarming.

The general definition of responsibility is, of course, known. High-water mark is the dividing line between the spheres of the Army and Navy. The air belongs to the R.A.F. and neither Navy nor Army may interfere in it. The A.R.P. organisation is responsible through the local authorities to the Home Office and to the Ministry of Health for the comforting of the people during operations and for the clearing of the battle-field when operations are over.

The Local Defence Volunteers, which calls itself with pride part of the armed forces of the Crown, is organised in areas, zones, and groups which corresponded, it is hoped (although there is no very precise ruling), to similar divisions in the Army hierarchy.

The newly appointed Commander-in-Chief (Sir Edmund Ironside) and his staff, control as far as operations are concerned, all Army organisations, although the administrative services still work direct from the various commands—Aldershot, Eastern, Western, &c.—to the War Office.

Control Of Air Arm

So far, this, though somewhat complicated, is not obscure. It is when we begin to examine the relationship of the civil and military and the all-important air branch in detail that confusion threatens. There is, of course, the Naval Air Arm working under the direction of the Navy for naval operations. Similarly there is, or there should be, a portion of the Air Force detached to work with and under the direct orders of the Army Commander-in-Chief. A separate air command co-operating with the Commander-in-Chief cannot be regarded as a satisfactory solution in fighting which proceeds at the pace of modern mechanised warfare. The public has quite enough military knowledge to be anxious on this point, and it is highly desirable that any decision which has been arrived at should be made clear at once to everybody. The knowledge cannot possibly be of any assistance to the enemy.

"When The Balloon Goes Up"

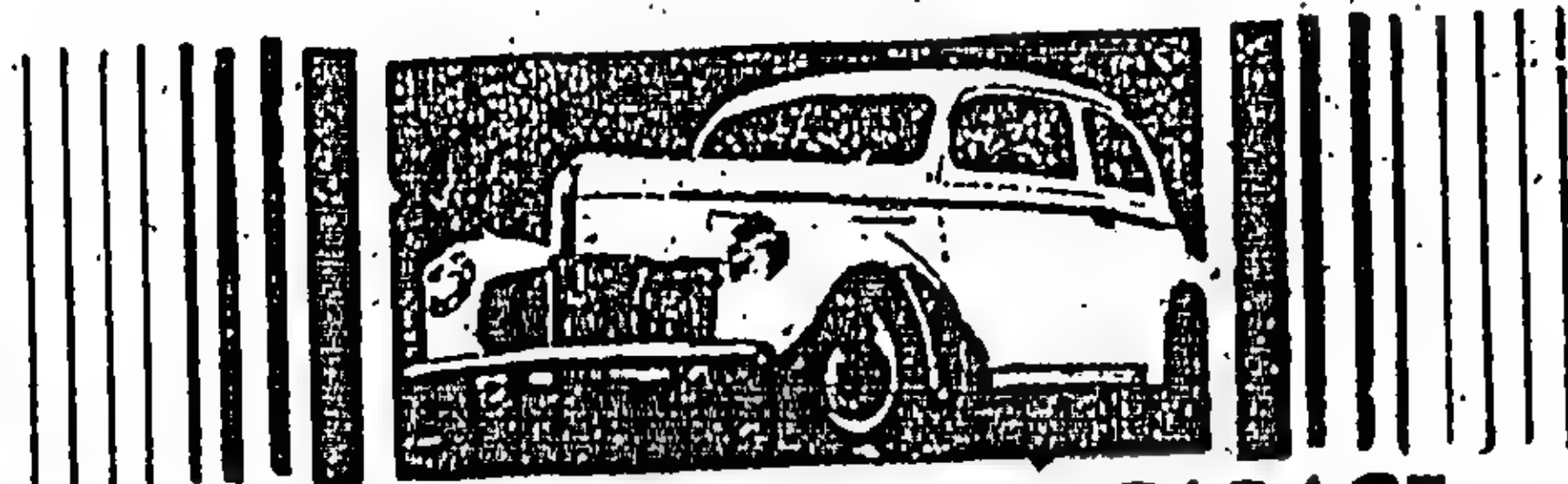
It is understood that as soon as operations start—"when the balloon goes up"—the A.R.P., the police, the L.D.V., and generally all the local civil authorities will come under the direct control of the local military commanders. It is probably necessary, though somewhat unfortunate, to make an alteration in the chain of command at such a moment, and if the decision has been definitely made then everybody concerned should be clearly told so lest dangerous confusion result at the critical moment. It is essential, for instance, that it should be known who is responsible for the closing of certain roads and railways to all except military vehicles, should the necessity arise, and for the general control of road traffic.

the foreshore but no troops could be seen. Heavy gunfire and air activity was in progress. The Massey Shaw was then taken into Dunkirk harbour and in an attempt to make a rope fast on the Mole, one auxiliary fireman was left behind, the fireboat having to make a quick exit. This auxiliary was later taken off the Mole by a troop-carrying vessel. That was the only casualty incurred by the Massey Shaw, and not a serious one.

At 5 o'clock next morning the fireboat took on its river-pilot again, the medal manufacturer, and left Ramsgate for London. The senior officials of the Fire Brigade were there to greet her. She did not look very spruce, I suppose, but they will have forgiven her. "It was all very interesting, really," murmured the Cambridge lecturer. "It wasn't all a lark, that wasn't it," agreed the crane-driver.

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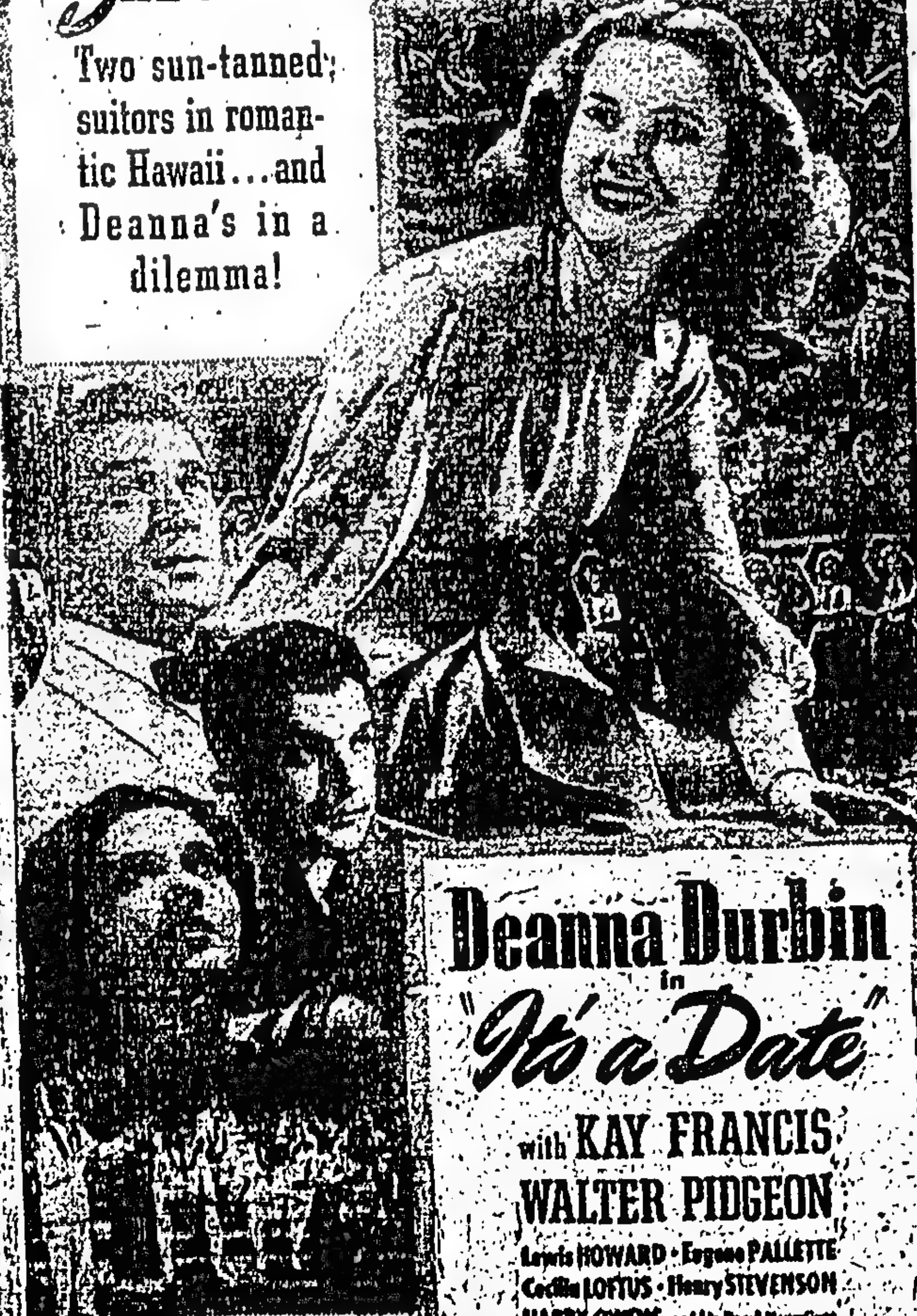
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AVERAGE AGE IN WAR CABINET NOW LESS THAN SIXTY

ALTHOUGH SWEEPING changes are involved in the big Cabinet reconstruction announced yesterday the leadership of the three fighting Services remains unaltered — an implied indication of the satisfaction which Mr. Churchill feels at the way the war effort is being pushed forward.

In the enlarged War Cabinet — increased from six to eight by the inclusion of Mr. Ernest Bevin and Sir Kingsley Wood — the Conservatives now outnumber Labour members by five to three and there is still no place for a Liberal.

There is now no reason to expect any more Government changes in the near future.

Average age of the new War Cabinet is 59½. Mr. Churchill at 65 being the eldest and Mr. Bevin at 56 the youngest.

Simultaneously with his resignation from the Government, Mr. Neville Chamberlain has resigned the leadership of the Conservative Party.

It is a foregone conclusion that Mr. Churchill will succeed him.

New Home Secretary

Yesterday's Cabinet changes were as follows:

Lord President of the Council — Sir John Anderson (formerly Home Secretary).

Home Secretary and Minister for Home Security — Mr. Herbert Morrison (formerly Minister for Supply).

Dominions Secretary — Viscount Cranbourne (formerly Paymaster General).

President of the Board of Trade — Capt. Olive Lyttleton.

Minister for Supply — Sir Andrew Duncan (formerly President of the Board of Trade).

Minister for Transport — Lt. Col. J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon.

Minister for Works and Buildings and First Commissioners for Works — Sir John Reith (formerly Minister for Transport). The Ministry for Works and Buildings is a new department.

Steering Committee

It is understood that Sir John Anderson, as Lord President of the Council, will take over all duties performed by Mr. Chamberlain, one of the most important of which is the steering committee which places questions in their order of importance on the agenda of the War Cabinet. — Reuter.

AIR RAID VICTIMS FUND GROWS

MANY MORE GIFTS WERE RECEIVED YESTERDAY FOR THE LORD MAYOR'S FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF AIR RAID VICTIMS, THE LATEST BEING FURTHER DONATIONS OF £20,000 AND £16,000 FROM MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY RESPECTIVELY.

Further contributions came in from New York and Shanghai. — Reuter.

JOURNALISTS' PROPERTY SEIZED

Amongst the latest properties to be confiscated by the Vichy Government are those belonging to the noted journalists, Madame Tabouis and "Pertinax". — Reuter.

FIGHTER DONATION

THE SUM OF £15,000 WAS CABLED TO THE AIR MINISTRY YESTERDAY FROM THE WAR FUND RAISED BY THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

Total contributions from this source now amount to £247,500. — Reuter.

BRITAIN'S BIG MEAT CONTRACT

Renewal of the contract between the Ministry of Food and the Australian authorities for the supply of meat to Britain is on the verge of signature, Reuter understands.

The present contract, which expired at the end of September, assumed a shipment of 260,000 tons of meat of all kinds but owing to pressure on British storage capacity and the presence of what is believed to be more than adequate supplies in England, rather less than that amount was actually shipped.

It is believed that final details regarding the exact amount under the new contract have not been decided but it is expected to amount to about 250,000 tons of beef, mutton, lamb and pork.

General price level is said to be much the same as for last year's contract, with a few minor adjustments mostly in a downward direction. — Reuter.

DRIVEN OUT OF WARSAW

OVER 15,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DRIVEN FROM WARSAW IN THE PAST THREE WEEKS, IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

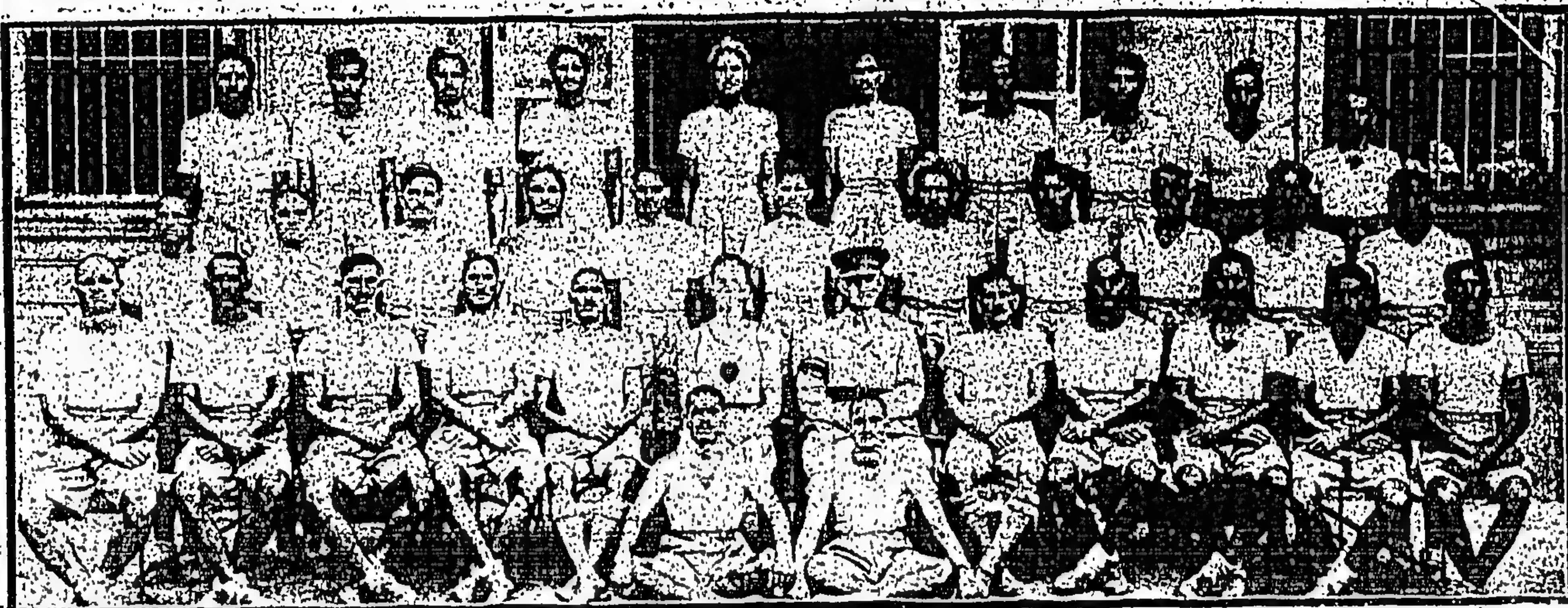
These unhappy people were not allowed to say good-bye to relatives or friends and nothing is known of their fate. — Reuter.



It's a bit early yet, of course, but Lans Turner, Hollywood actress, has already got ready for the December festivities with this "Christmas Hat," which the designer says is in the "Christmas Spirit." Of soft green ostrich feathers, it is dotted with holly berries and has three tiny bells jingling at the crown's peak. A serious effort at "Merry Xmas?"

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Group photograph of Junior N.C.O.s undergoing a physical training course held at Mount Austin under the instruction of Captain G. E. Neve, Royal West Kents, Officer i/c course, and Q.M.S.I. A. Pacy, Army P. T. Staff Instructor. (King's Studio).

Flight-Lieutenant R. A. B. Learoyd, who was recently awarded the Victoria Cross.



(Left) — An Inter-district A.R.P. competition was held at Shamshulpo on Sunday. Wing-Commander A. H. Steele - Perkins, Director A.R.P., may be seen second from right, with M. L. Beavan, checking on reports.

(Below Left) — Spectators at the Open Pairs Final held at the Kowloon Football Club on Sunday last. They were delighted by one of the most brilliant matches of the season.



Group taken at the wedding last week of Mr. Li Fok Fai and Miss Ng Kit Yuk. (King's Studio).

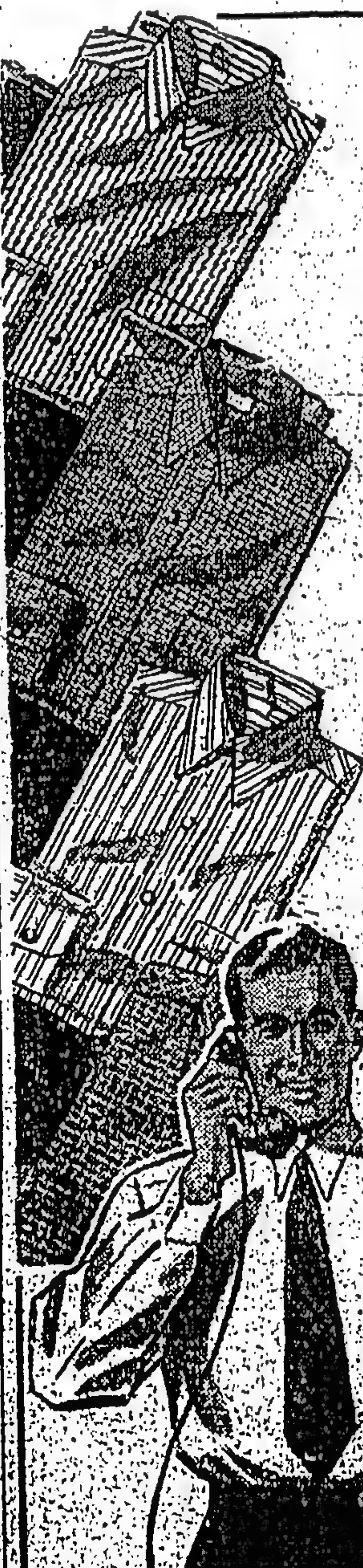
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SHORT STORY

A Lucifo Match by Arthur Morrison

PERSONS with a choice of several names are not common outside the peerage; but some of them—wholly unconnected with any peer—are to be discovered in London crowds, though discovery is not what they are there for. Crowds, in fact, attract them, from the circumstance that whatever the number of individuals in a crowd, there are sure to be several times that number of pockets, mostly with something in them; and a pickpocket who has once been convicted finds a change of name a wise precaution. So we arrive at Johnson.

It chanced that Johnson stood in quite a small crowd—perhaps of twenty—that stared at a shop window in Oxford Street. He had only been Johnson for a week, poor fellow, since emerging from some months' retirement, and as yet the name did not sit easily. He had to keep it continually in mind, lest in some unforeseen emergency he might call himself Jones, or Barker, or Jenkinson, any one of which was dangerous, and had been discarded in its turn for that reason; always after just such another holiday as that he had lately disenjoyed.

Johnson was a mild person—not at all the sort of man whom one might suppose to be a pickpocket—which was fortunate, of course, for Johnson. He was a meek, rather timid body, whose tastes would have been domestic if he had been a family man, and he would have been a family man if it were not for the expense. He was temperate, thrifty, and inoffensive; he shrank with horror from the idea of anything violent, such as burglary or work; he had no vices, no particular abilities, and only one small talent: he could pick a pocket very well indeed. Altogether, Johnson was an unusually virtuous thief.

He stood in a small crowd in Oxford Street, as I have said, and while the small crowd stared at the shop window because of some

new idea of the shopkeeper's, Johnson considered pockets according to ideas of his own; having a natural human preference for the easiest pocket in the most sumptuous habilliment.

He felt himself much drawn toward a man in an "immensikoff"—a fur-lined overcoat—which was quite the most magnificent garment in the crowd.

The large side-pocket of the "immensikoff" gaped invitingly and, though outside overcoat-pockets were barren as a rule, this was so very easy that it were wasting a chance not to try it. So Johnson placed himself against the pocket and tried, with unexpected success.

For indeed, at the bottom of that pocket reposed a purse—not at all what one might expect to find there. In an instant that purse was transferred to the outside pocket, so closely adjacent, of Johnson's light overcoat; and then Johnson paused for a moment, ostentatiously scratching his cheek with the guilty hand, and staring with rapt eyes at the window; till he judged it expedient to edge gently away and evaporate from the little crowd.

He strolled easily to the next turning turned up it with quicker steps, and so into a quieter cross street. Here he paused, plunged his hand into his side-pocket, and found it empty.

His chin fell, and he stood amazed. There was no doubt of it—this was the pocket into which he had dropped the purse, and now there was nothing there.

He felt in the opposite pocket—needlessly, for he clearly remembered working with his right hand, and with his right side-pocket against the left pocket of the "immensikoff". There was nothing now in either of his side-pockets, though he raked them through with anxious fingers.

And then everything inside him bounced at the sudden touch of a hand on his shoulder. He shrank and turned, and found himself



confronted by the man in the fur-lined coat.

The man was grinning at him with sardonic politeness, and Johnson did not like him at all. He was tall and broad and dark, while Johnson was small and narrow, and pale. The stranger's black moustache was waxed into long spikes, which pointed toward the outward edges of the flat brim of a very tall hat, and gave a touch of the unearthly to his grin; and in his hand he extended toward Johnson a metal box—Johnson's own tobacco-box, in truth, which he now remembered to have left in that same side-coat-pocket.

"How do you do?" said the sardonic stranger. "Voice you feeling in your pocket for this?"

Johnson's panic impulse was to deny his tobacco-box utterly, but the stranger's black eyes were piercing his very brain, and he felt it useless. He took the box that was forced on him, and gasped unintelligibly he was extremely obliged, and didn't know he had dropped it; but he never remembered what he did say.

"I believe some speaking thief picked your pocket," said the stranger, his grin growing fiercer. "Open it and see if anything's missing."

Johnson began a mumble that it was all right and of no consequence and didn't matter, but the eyes and the sardonic grin compelled him, and he sprang the lid.

Instantly there arose from within a gigantic creature with horns, which ran across his hand on horrid clawed legs, and made for his sleeve. Johnson squeaked like a rat, and flung box and insect to the ground together. He had a feminine horror of crawling things and had never seen a stag-beetle before.

The stranger snatched the box as it fell, and brushing roughly against Johnson skillfully scooped up the insect from the pavement.

"What?" he said. "Do you mean to say it wasn't yours at all? And yet you wanted to take it? Is there anything else in those pockets of yours that doesn't belong to you? Show me!"

"No, sir! Nothing at all, sir, upon my solemn day," wailed Johnson in terror. For the eyes and the grin were fiercer than ever. "Nothing at all, sir!" protested Johnson, pulling out the pocket-linings. And there, as the right-hand pocket came inside out, emerged the stranger's purse.

"Liar!" cried the "dark man." "Thief! That is my purse!"

He snatched it away and opened it, while Johnson stood helpless in amazement, with his pockets protruding on each side.

"See!" pursued the stranger, thrusting the open purse under his nose. "My purse, with my money in it! What about that?"

Instinct brought a jumbled defence to Johnson's lips. "Quite a mistake—wouldn't think of such a thing, being a gentleman, himself. Accident that might happen to anybody—a lot of trouble in the family lately"—and so on.

"What's your name?" snapped the stranger. It disconcerted Johnson more than anything else to see that this fiendish person was grinning more than ever, while his unavoidable eyes seemed to divine more about Johnson than even Johnson ever knew. "What's your name?" he demanded.

"Jones!" spluttered the thief, in a panic. "Barker!—no, Jenkinson—I mean Johnson!"

"Oh, I see," the stranger replied, and now his moustache and his grin chased each other in the very tips of his ears. "Jones, alias Barker, alias Jenkinson, and at present Johnson. Last

conviction under the name Johnson, eh?"

"I wasn't exactly a conviction, sir, I assure you," protested the sweating pickpocket. "The judge's mistake entirely—quite a misunderstanding; and the commonest watch you ever see; not worth a bob!"

"And what did you get?" A year?

"No, sir—nothing of the kind. It's a wicked slander, sir, when anybody says it was a year. Not a day more than nine months. I give you my solemn word!"

"After a dozen previous convictions?"

"No, sir—that's another slander; anybody as told you that is trying to take my character away. There wasn't more than seven, sir, or eight at the very most. It's hard to be scandalised like that, sir!"

"Shocking!" The stranger had slipped his purse away and now had his hand on Johnson's shoulder, with finger and thumb taking a good nip of his coat-collar. "Only seven or eight convictions! Poor chap! you shall have another at once. Come along!"

"No, indeed, sir—let me alone! On my solemn day, sir, it was all a mistake! I dunno how the purse got there!" And it surprised Johnson to find himself offering an excuse with such a deal of truth in it.

The stranger's grin relaxed a little, and his voice grew more business like. "Very well," he said. "Come with me for an hour and I won't charge you. But don't you displease me, my virtuous friend!" The grin flickered up again. "Don't you displease me, or you'll go back to as long a dose of gaol as I can get you, mind that! You shall buy your release on my terms. Come along! but first stuff those pockets in again!"

Johnson obeyed, and walked by the side of his persecutor in a maze of sickening bewilderment. Could he be really awake? The whole thing was uncommonly like a hideous nightmare, down to the very beetle. He had the most distinct recollection of his shock of surprise at finding his coat-pockets empty; yet he had put the purse there, and there it proved to be after all.

The thing was the more like a dream, because his efforts to remember made it all seem like something that had occurred a long time ago. And he would doubtless have believed it a nightmare and made some desperate effort to wake himself, were it not for the fact that the gloating stranger most palpably had him by the arm as they walked through the back streets, and now and again put a question of such a pungent and penetrating nature that demanded all Johnson's waking wits to meet it.

Such was as Johnson had been barely sufficient for the needs of his trade, and now they were oppressed by a feeling that he was being "got at" in some unfathomable manner; for indeed the sardonic stranger chuckled gaily to himself as the torment went on.

Their way led through numerous back streets, which Johnson was too disconcerted to recognise, even if he knew them; and at last they stopped before a very blank and secret-looking door in a tall building that had no more than two other openings in it, and those windows, small and high.

The stranger opened the door with a latchkey, never looking at the key, but always at Johnson, with that embarrassing grin unaltered, unless it were now a little less fierce and a little more whimsical. The door revealed nothing but a dark passage, into which Johnson was pushed without ceremony.

The place smelt damp, and on the whole strikingly like a cell in a police station; a fact which gave the prisoner's terrors a more definite turn. The door closed behind them and left them wholly in the dark; and Johnson, seized by the arm, was thrust stumbling and staggering along the passage till he emerged on a spot only a degree less obscure, where nothing was discernible but some vast construction of square beams that vanished into blackness above. Here the stranger paused, and groping in the gloom among the beams, swung open another door.

"Get in there," he said, "and sit down. I shan't want you for an hour. You can go to sleep as you like."

Johnson obediently stumbled into the dark opening, and the door slammed behind him with a bang and a sharp click. It was blacker than ever, but at least he was alone for a space, and might collect his faculties. He reached about him, and had no difficulty in finding the walls of his prison, for in fact they were scarce a yard apart in any direction. It seemed that he was in a wooden cupboard, with a ledge for a seat. He sat on the ledge and wondered.

Imprisonment was not wholly a novelty, though this was certainly the darkest cell he had ever inhabited, and the smallest. There was to be an hour's respite, it seemed, but he was mighty uneasy as to what would happen at the end of the hour. He thought again of that horrible beetle, and the clothes, tingled on his skin at the recollection, till he began to rub himself all over. Heavens! if there were more of them in this place!

He jumped to his feet, shook himself and stamped, and then both thought him of his match-box. He found it and, split it, stooped for it hurriedly, but his head into one side of the cupboard, and his opposite end into the other, and came to the floor in a heap.

"Now then, keep quiet in there!" The voice was a strange one—certainly not that of the dark man—and it came from—where? No—where about him, but apparently from somewhere above, though even of this he was not certain. Surely there was no possibility that he could be watched in this unspeakable darkness! He groped painfully, found a match, groped again, and found the box to strike it on.

The light was a great relief, for it revealed the fact that at least the place was free from visible insects. He could see now that his cell was wooden—top, bottom, and sides, and then came burning fingers, and sudden darkness. He lit another match, and satisfied himself that there was no granny, nor even a keyhole, through which peeping was possible, then he lit another to pick up those remaining, and another after that.

"Now then!" came the voice again. "Leave off stirlin' them matches!"

Johnson stopped, bumped his head again, and scrambled to his seat. Then he found courage to speak. "I say," he began, "you stow that row, d'ye see?"

The prisoner said no more, but waited. Strange noises reached his ear from some far-away part of the building, and a little nearer there were subdued creakings. He began to remember stories of mysterious rooms that closed up and crushed men, imprisoned in them; of weighted ceilings that fell; of chambers slowly filled with poisonous gas.

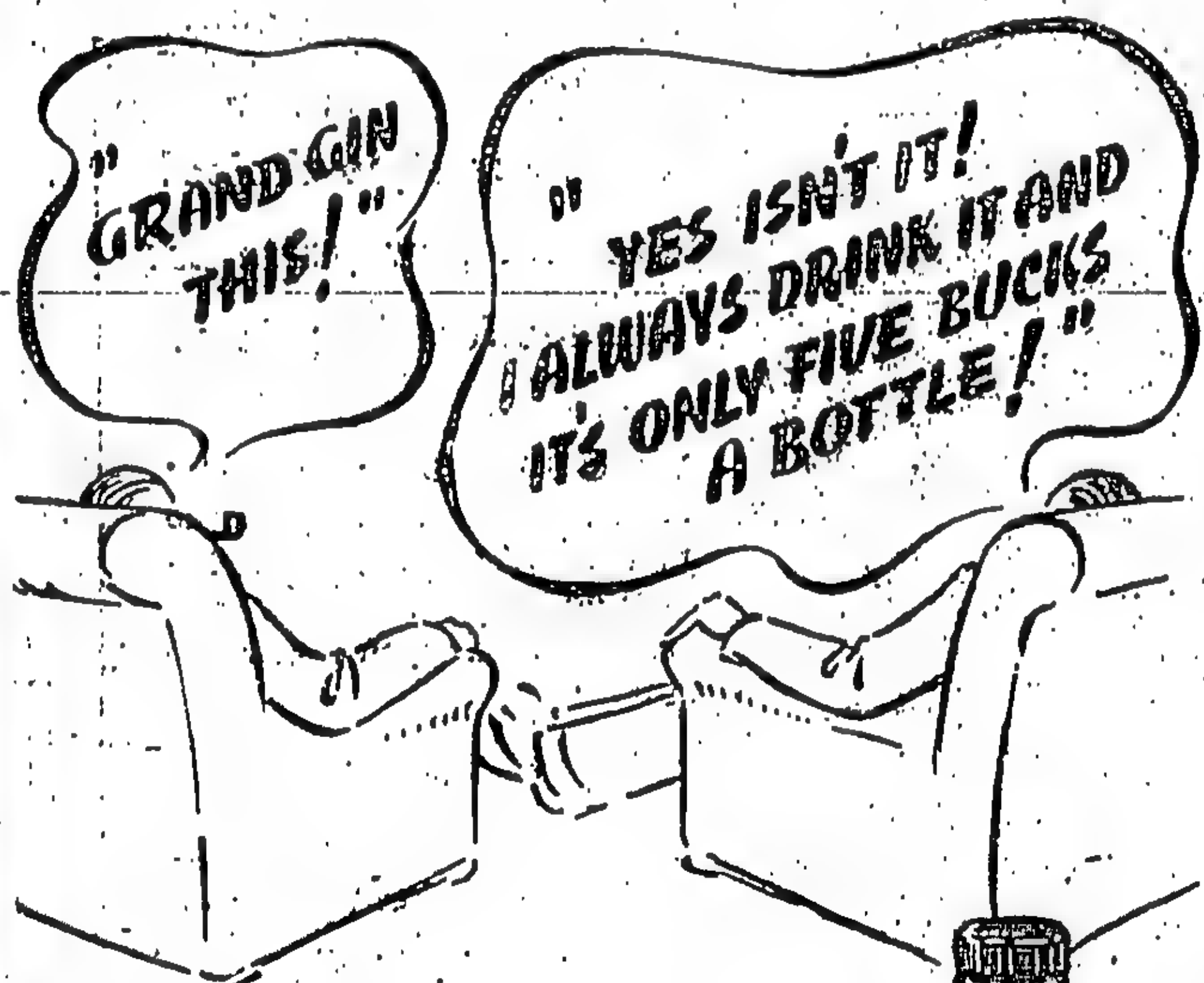
As he sat he began to tremble, and as the minutes passed he felt himself growing desperate with fear. He wished he had allowed himself to be handed to the police, for at least he knew what that meant. But now—he could not endure much longer. He had made up his mind, come what might, to shout his loudest for help; when, as he stood feeling the hundredth time for the door-latching, he was suddenly flung backward and down, confusedly realising that the cupboard was shooting up bodily. Was the thing a lift?

If stopped with a jerk, and the prisoner, recovering his legs, was aware of a loud and now familiar voice. There was a tap at the door, and a creak; and instantly it flew open, and Johnson was blinded by a flood of light and deafened by a roar of sound.

Hundreds of faces stared at him from a great hall, as many voices shouted a delighted greeting, and twice as many hands clapped loud applause. The cupboard stood open on a brilliantly lighted stage, and by it stood the sardonic stranger in evening dress, with a black wand in his hand, while Johnson, gasping and dishevelled, blinked and cowered helplessly.

"Ladies and gentlemen," cried the conjuror. "I have the honour to introduce Mr. Johnson, alias Jones, alias Barker, alias Jenkinson, the eminent pickpocket. You will remember that when I enclosed the lady in the cabinet, I promised you quite a new and original denouement to the performance—something never before

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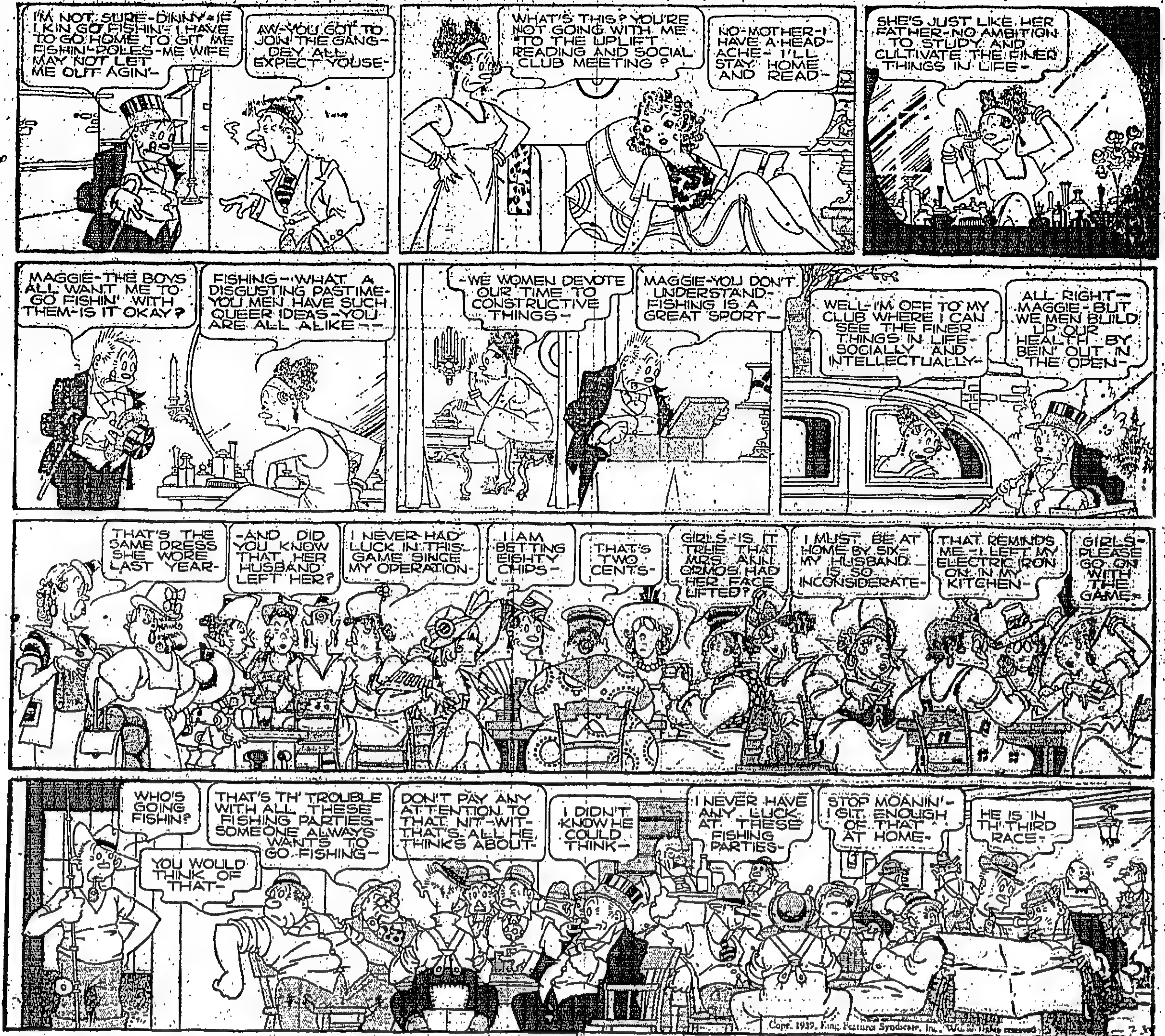


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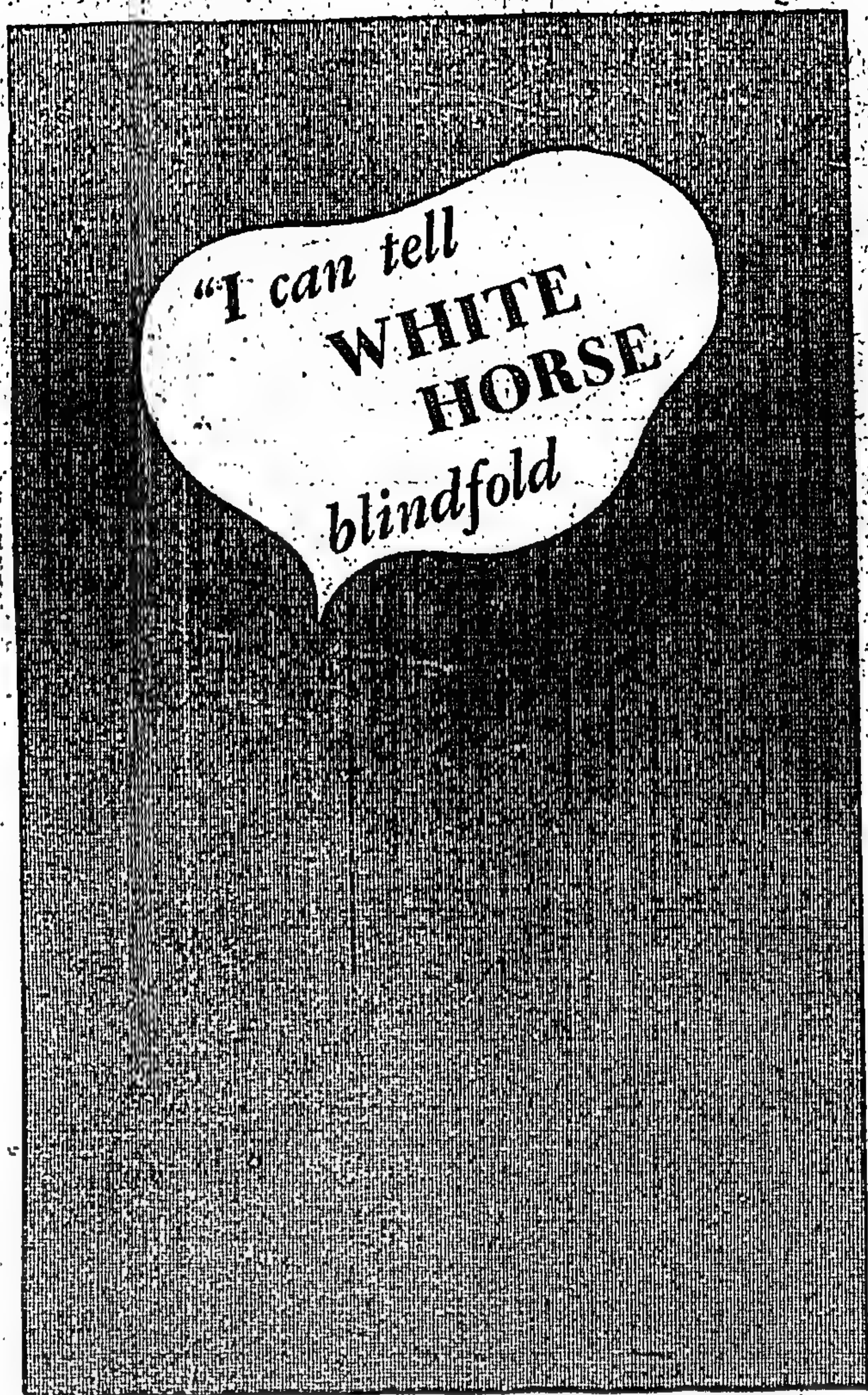
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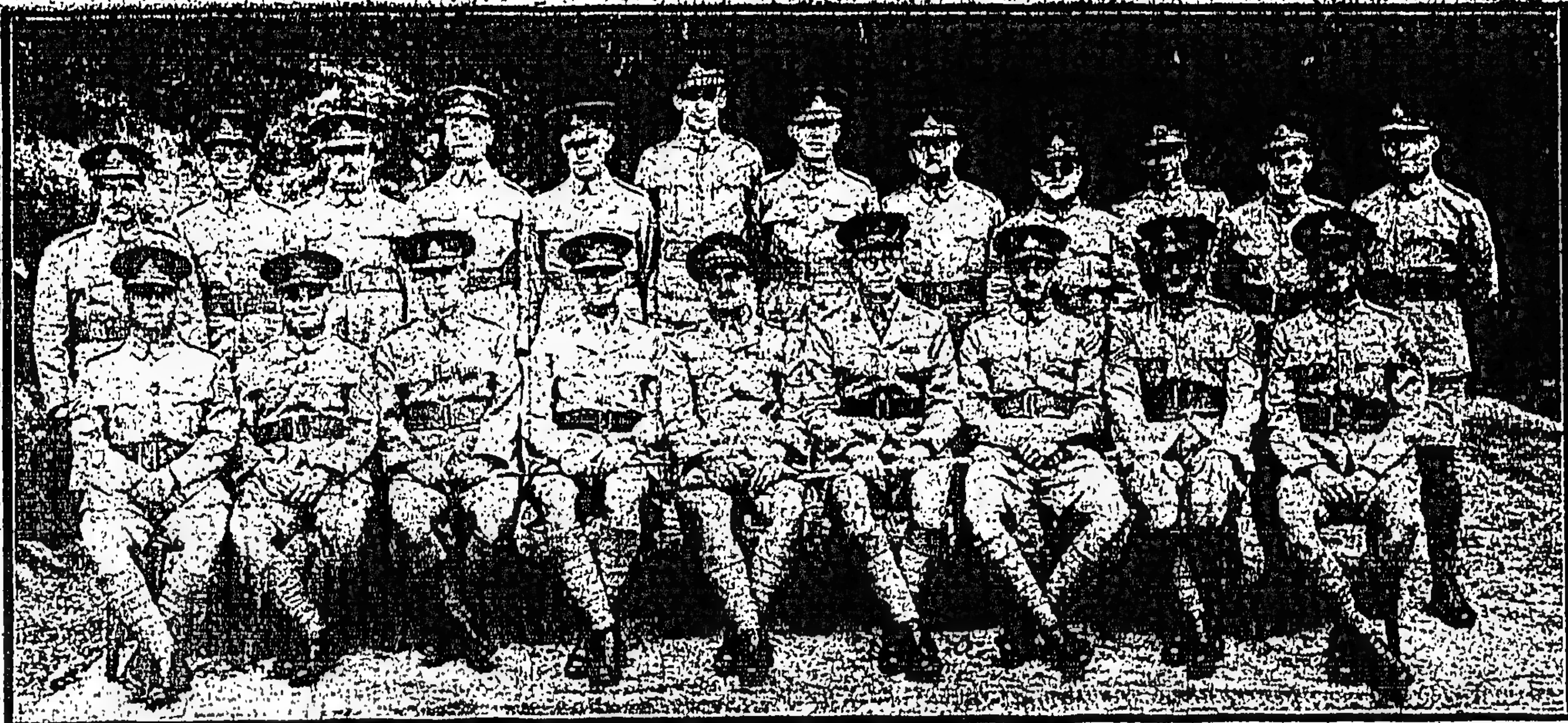
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Group photograph of Officers and Men of the Pay Section, H.K.V.D.C., with Captain de Salles Robertson in the centre. (King's Studio).

FROM PAGE TWO

A Lucifo Match

attempted. "I think I have fulfilled my promise. Not only has the lady disappeared, but by an extraordinary application of occult natural forces I have brought into her place a pickpocket snatched this moment from his nefarious practices in Oxford Street. You observe his confusion? What more natural? But two minutes ago his hand was in the pocket of an eminent and distinguished gentleman, much like myself in appearance, seeking that gentleman's purse. In an instant—whist! he finds himself placed before you on this stage, half a mile off.

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Look at him. Some gentleman who has ever had his pocket picked may remember him; if any of you are connected with the police you are sure to know him. He has been brought up at half the police courts in London and has been convicted at the Old Bailey and the Sessions House over and over again. He has just completed nine months' board and residence at this country's expense, under the name of Jenkinson; if he hadn't changed his name he'd have got more.

"Are you quite convinced, ladies and gentlemen, that he is not a confederate? Any test you like to suggest will be applied. Is there any lady present he has ever robbed who would like to stick a bonnet-pin into him? Don't hesitate—you are quite welcome, I assure you. Come now, I wish you would. You see, under the Employers' Liability Act I am liable for any injury occurring to people I employ, but I don't care

what happens to this chap. Come now, let me persuade you. Isn't there any dear, kind lady present, who will oblige me by sticking a bonnet-pin into this criminal, just to oblige me? It doesn't matter whether he has robbed you or not—I don't mind. He'd rob you if he could, you know. Here he is."

He seized the wretched Johnson by the collar, and thrust him forward. "I always find ladies very obliging," he went on. "Surely you won't all be so unkind as to refuse just to stick him with a bonnet-pin while I hold him? Just to help me convince the company, now?"

There were laughs and titters, and the conjurer whispered from behind: "All right, you fool, they won't do it." Then he proceeded aloud: "You won't? Not one of you? Then I shall have to try something else. I'm always glad to introduce a novelty into my performance, and I think you'll admit that this is the first time a real live pickpocket has ever been brought upon the stage in this extraordinary manner."

"Having got him here, it would be a pity to waste him, wouldn't it? Very well. I will proceed to try a little experiment with a view to showing how dishonesty would be dealt with in this country, if I were Prime Minister.

"Will any ladies and gentlemen in the company oblige me by the loan of a few small articles of value? A few rings, a watch, a gold pencil-case—anything of that sort, you know. I'm sure I shan't have to wait long for things like that with such a high-class audience as this.

"Come now—thank you, sir; a ring; a valuable diamond ring from a gentleman in the second row. Yes? Thank you, madam—a locket. A gold watch? I should like a gold watch—and so would Mr. Johnson, I am sure.

"Here it comes—thank you, sir. A gold pencil-case—two more rings, a chain, and a silver match-box; thank you—thank you. I think that will do; we mustn't risk too much on a first experiment, you know. Now I should like some gentleman from the company to assist me by placing these articles in Mr. Johnson's pockets, in full sight of the house. Will you sir? Thank you; just step up here.

"Now, will you please take the articles one by one from the table, and place them separately in any of the criminal's pockets, you choose. Well in sight of the company, mind. Stand a little aside—that's it—so that everything shall be perfectly clear.

"I need hardly assure you, ladies and gentlemen, that this gentleman is no confederate of mine. I do not invite you to test it by sticking a bonnet-pin into him—he is a good deal bigger than Johnson, and it might not be safe. I am sure you will accept his word of honour from a gentleman of his size."

The gentleman approached Johnson and followed the conjurer's instructions, and the conjurer, from a little way off, reported the bestowal of each article aloud: "Gold watch in right-hand waistcoat-pocket; diamond ring in left-hand waistcoat-pocket; chain

in inside coat-pocket; and so forth.

As for Johnson, he began to feel a good deal happier. He represented the indignities to which he had been subjected, of course; but after all, he had expected something much worse than this.

All the bewilderment and anxiety of the earlier part of the adventure were at an end now, and all was plain enough. The conjurer had scored heavily, it was true, and the effect of Johnson's appearance in the cabinet, aghast and panic-stricken, was something altogether beyond the possibilities of ordinary preparation and rehearsal.

But Johnson's relief was immense, and now the novel experience of having his pockets voluntarily stuffed with valuables was rather pleasant than otherwise. Johnson was himself again, and vastly on the alert for fresh moves in the game.

The gentleman descended from the platform, and the conjurer came forward.

"Now, ladies and gentlemen," he said, "you have seen the articles, safely—or shall we say unsafely?—placed in the thief's pockets. But to make everything perfectly plain and to identify the owner of each I will just rapidly run over them again. This ring, sir—you see it? You are sure you identify it? It is your property, and you will remember that it is in the left-hand waistcoat-pocket, where I carefully replaced it, as you see. The watch—that is yours, sir; you may examine it again, if you please. No? Well, you will bear in mind that it is in the thief's right-hand waistcoat-pocket. There it is. This chain—the owner of this chain may see that no substitution has been made—is in the inside coat-pocket, on the left. Remember that, please!"

The company, vastly interested, watched the apparent return of each trinket, but Johnson knew better. Nothing but the conjurer's fingers entered each pocket in turn, and nothing remained there at all.

Somewhere within the breast of the conjurer's coat was a spot over which his fingers flickered instantaneously after each pocket was done with, and when at last he turned away, ostentatiously dusting his fingers with his pocket handkerchief after the contamination of Johnson, the handkerchief also flickered over that same spot. So much Johnson observed with eyes trained by use in all matters concerned with pockets.

The conjurer stepped between Johnson and the company, putting his pocket-handkerchief into his coat-tail pocket; and Johnson saw that something black went with it.

"Now, ladies and gentlemen," said the conjurer, "the experiment I am about to make is one of the greatest interest to every law-abiding person. I propose to show you how, by proper scientific precautions known only to myself, all theft, all dishonesty, may be rendered ineffectual and useless."

Gesticulating and bowing elegantly as he spoke, the conjurer stepped so closely before Johnson that only one thing could happen, and that was inevitable. Johnson

had nothing but one small talent, as I have said; he could pick a pocket very well. Indeed—probably better than the conjurer. He picked one now. The black thing was a little velvet bag, soft and flat as Johnson felt when it was safely in his own pocket. And the conjurer, with all eyes on him, went on.

"Just consider, now, how valuable my process would be to the Government of this country. Half the police force might be disbanded and most of the magistrates pensioned off. People like our friend John, alias Jones, alias Barker, alias Jenkinson, would have to turn honest or starve. Now for the experiment."

He turned and caught Johnson once more by the collar.

"Here, you see, is the pickpocket whom I brought straight out of Oxford Street by the exercise of the wonderful scientific law to which I have alluded. Here he is, with your valuables in his pocket, as you have observed with your own eyes. Now I shall send Johnson away—turn him out, kick him out—from this place and let him run where he likes; and when he is gone I shall endeavour by my scientific process to bring your valuables back here, just as I brought Johnson himself, and restore them to you in a way that I hope will surprise you.

"Now, Johnson, alias Jones, alias Barker, alias Jenkinson, out you go, and keep what you've got if you can! Ladies and gentlemen, you will agree that I could not afford to kick a confederate—he would give me away. So as a guarantee of good faith I kick Johnson off the platform. Hall porter! Run this man off the premises and never let him come here again!"

He swung Johnson to the end of the platform, thrust him over the edge with hand and foot, and stood bowing and waving his wand as the porter bundled the victim out. "Good-bye, Mr. Johnson!" cried the conjurer; "good-bye! Run as hard as ever you can!"

As soon as Johnson reached the street he obeyed this order with all the strength of his legs, barely observing from the corner of his eye that the front of the hall was covered with posters announcing afternoon and evening performances by the great Lucifo, the wizard of Andalusia.

And when he had run some distance he turned into a dark entry and there disentangled from the velvet bag the gold watch, the three rings, the chain, the gold pencil-case and the silver match-box.

"He was mighty anxious," reflected Johnson, "for some proof that I wasn't his pal. Well, he's got it now, and I hope he's satisfied."

For some days Johnson never ventured out till after dark; but his days at home were not dull for he had bought a small collection of newspapers, wherefrom he derived solace and chuckles as he read and read again under the headings: "Riotous Scene at an Entertainment," "Extraordinary Scoke at St. Basil's Hall," "Serious Attack on a Conjurer," and in the case of one irresponsible paper, "Lucifo Lamentably Left."

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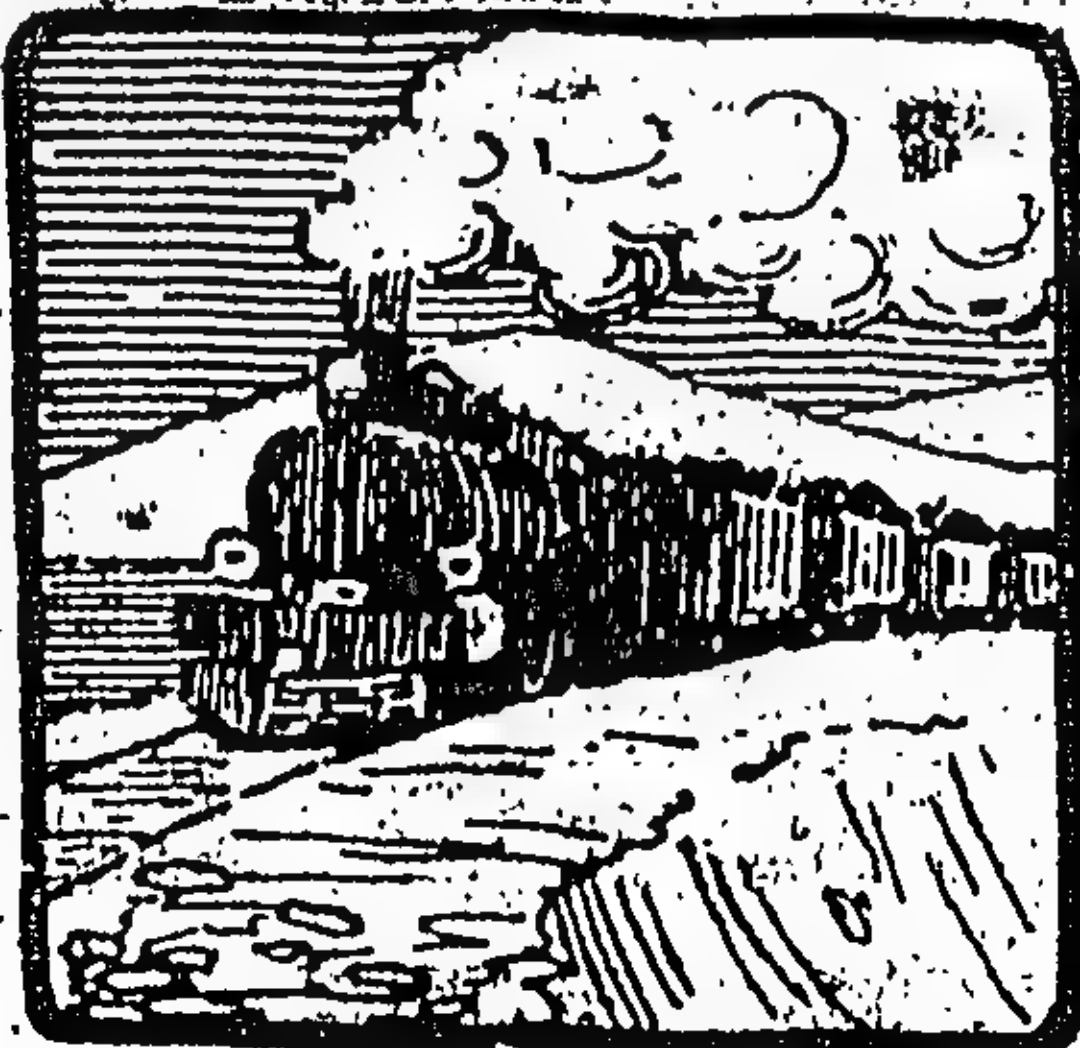
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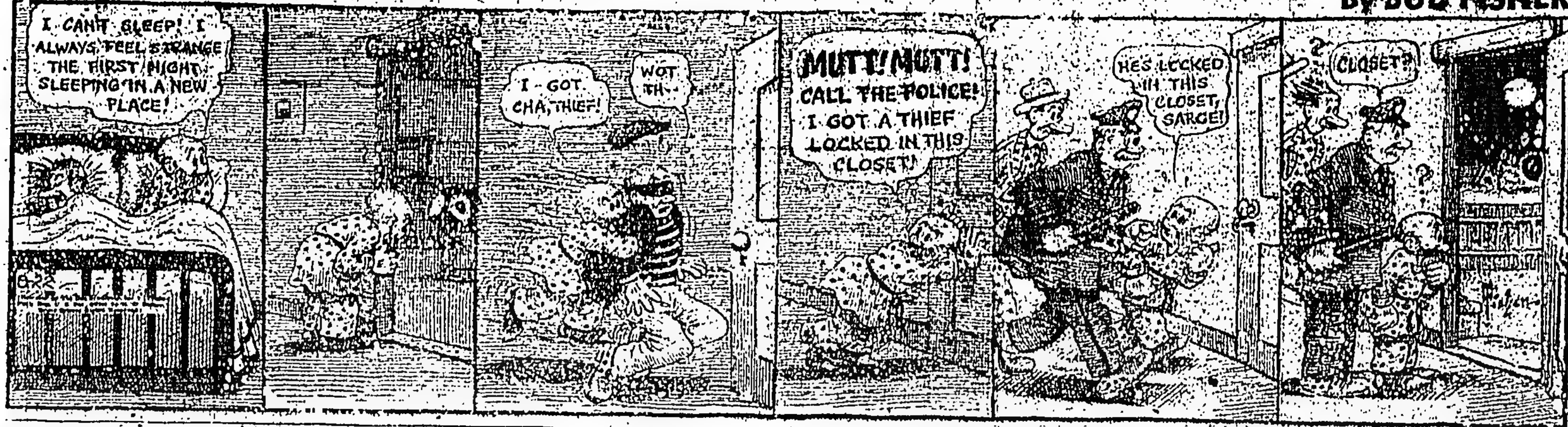
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Why Be Fat?

An overweight woman may joke about her avoirdupois in company but I'll bet she is not so happy about her figure when she looks into a full-length mirror. There is no denying that overweight is dangerous to health, that it is a foe of complete happiness and that it is definitely unlovely. So why be fat if it is within one's power to slim?

To slim requires intelligence, a knowledge of food or a programme for eating, and a determination to be slender, lovely looking and happy. There are no short cuts to slimmness, once you have allowed your body to become heavily padded with flesh. Making it good but it is not sufficient. You must slim yourself. Roll and kick and twist your body into proportion and out down on

the foods which create fat. There is no need to starve, in fact you must eat sufficient food to create the energy you need each day. But begin to reeducate your palate—make it desire the foods that are good for you and slimming at the same time.

Make Up Your Mind

Snap out of that sluggish state you are in and make up your mind to slim to beauty. Then stick to your decision—don't waver just because you are at bridge or lunching with a friend. When you open the ice-box resist taking a snack of this and that. Settle your meal hours—eight in the morning, twelve thirty promptly for luncheon, and seven for dinner. Between meals, keep your body and mind occupied so you won't think of eating. Have you ever noticed how frequently you take snacks between meals when you are loitering about on a Sunday? Why? You haven't enough to do. Your mind and body are bored so they say to you, "Let's eat something. That's something to do at least!" So you go to the icebox and eat! If you had been playing a game, riding, sewing, or were otherwise occupied, you would never have thought about food.

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POLICE STORM FARM WITH GAS AND GUNS

AS RAYMOND WARDEN, 66-year old farmer, slumped to the floor behind the rose-decked porch of his farmhouse with a fatal gunshot wound in the temple, there ended one of the most amazing sieges Britain has known since the Battle of Sydney Street, writes Harold Whittall, special correspondent, who was under fire with the police when they besieged Borough Farm, Itchen Stokes, Hants.

For the first time, police—all "country beat" men—brought into action the methods of America's G-men—tear gas bombs, revolvers and rifles—in an attack on the farmhouse in which Warden had barricaded himself for eighteen hours to prevent ejection for not having ploughed his land.

A young police-constable, crouched against the wall beside the porch with a six-chambered revolver, had exchanged shot for shot which flashed from the farmhouse. But the police guns were silent when the final shot was fired, and Warden hit the floor with a thud, a shotgun clattering beside him.

Tear Gas

I watched the final stages of the siege as dawn broke, tears streaming down my cheeks from the acrid fumes of tear gas bombs which had been hurled through the window panes. The fumes filled the house, and hung all around it in the flower garden as we advanced.

Armed with rifles and revolvers, ten police constables, headed by Inspector Hatcher, of Basingstoke, surrounded the house.

We went stealthily, for the previous day Police-Constable Draper, of Ropley, had fallen wounded in the legs and arms when shots rang out as he approached the farm to serve an ejection order on Warden.

Every door and window of the farmhouse was covered by the police rifles, 1914 service "sniper" models. Inspector Hatcher carried a six-chambered revolver.

Cows in the byre bellowed with pain. Their master had not milked them for hours. Chickens picked their way across the line of fire. An old sow waddled away as a police officer, lying full-length between the rows of potatoes, peered through the sight of his rifle.

But there was no sign of life from the farmhouse.

Then a police-sergeant and a constable rushed forward, grabbed ladders near a window, and using them as a battering ram, smashed open the door in the porch.

Shot For Shot

Cautiously, while other officers covered the doorway with their weapons, they peered into the hall. Then a constable climbed on to the roof of the kitchen and smashed a bedroom window.

Suddenly shots in rapid succession from the farmhouse caused us to flatten against the wall.

Police-Constable Ward, a young Basingstoke officer, grabbed a revolver, and for a few seconds exchanged shot for every shot which flashed from the hall. Poking the revolver around the porch the young constable fired and then jumped back from the answering shot.

Local firemen who assisted the police, dropped to the ground. I ducked behind a barrel.

Meanwhile other officers had forced another door, and got inside the farmhouse. They found an empty gas-mask case. The gas-mask had been used by Warden as a protection against the tear gas.

Police-Sergeant Longman shouted up the stairs: "Come down! Put down your gun, put up your hands and we won't shoot!"

The only reply was another burst of gun-shot fire.

Police-Constable Ward put his helmet on a stick, pushed it around the porch entrance to draw fire. There came another shot—and then silence. Inspector Hatcher gave the order "Cease fire."

Lying, sprawled at the foot of the staircase we found Warden bleeding from a head wound. He was unconscious. Gently he was placed on a sofa, and later removed to Winchester Hospital, where he died.

I took in my car Police-Constable Ward, with slight wounds in the leg, and Sergeant Longman bleeding from the neck, to a local doctor. Their injuries are not serious.

The firing had passed unnoticed in the district. The farm, which covers fifty acres and lies on the estate of Sir Anthony Titchborne, is in a lonely spot three miles from Alresford.

"Mr. Warden had lived at the farm all his life," a friend told me. "He was passionately fond of the farm."

Warden was a bachelor. His sister, Mrs. Ross Kilby, a widow, who had lived at the farm for ten years looking after him, had left the farm the previous night, and is staying at Alresford.

"I didn't want to see a tragic scene at my brother's ejection," she told me "so I went to stay with friends."

The dawn attack followed a midnight attempt to enter the farm with the aid of tear gas.

Several shots, which narrowly missed police, firemen, a news photographer and myself, were fired.

The scene during the midnight attack was like an episode from an American film thriller.

P. C. Hero

The creeping forward through dewy grass and plants, the flashes which stabbed the darkness of the undergrowth as revolver and rifles blazed, the pungent odour of tear gas, the lowing of the cattle, the squawk of nightbirds



Ann Rutherford, Hollywood starlet, gives Hong Kong's non-evacuees a hint on how to keep fit with dumb-bells (no esoteric pun intended!). Touch the toes with the dumb-bells ten times each. The back, shoulder and hips benefit.

seemed unreal in the English countryside.

Police-Constable Cripps was the hero of this first attack. After the door in the porch had been battered in he crept inside, and listened. He heard the sound of stockinged feet behind the staircase door.

Then came a terrific concussion in the confined space as shots were fired through the door. By a miracle he escaped unhurt.

By the fire, it was obvious that two guns were being used in the farmhouse to facilitate quick shooting.

Several times, once after Inspector Hatcher had replied to shots with his revolver, we had to fall flat on the ground as gun-shot whistled through the leaves just above us.

Once in the early morning we saw that Warden had lit a fire, and watchers at the rear said he appeared to be making tea.

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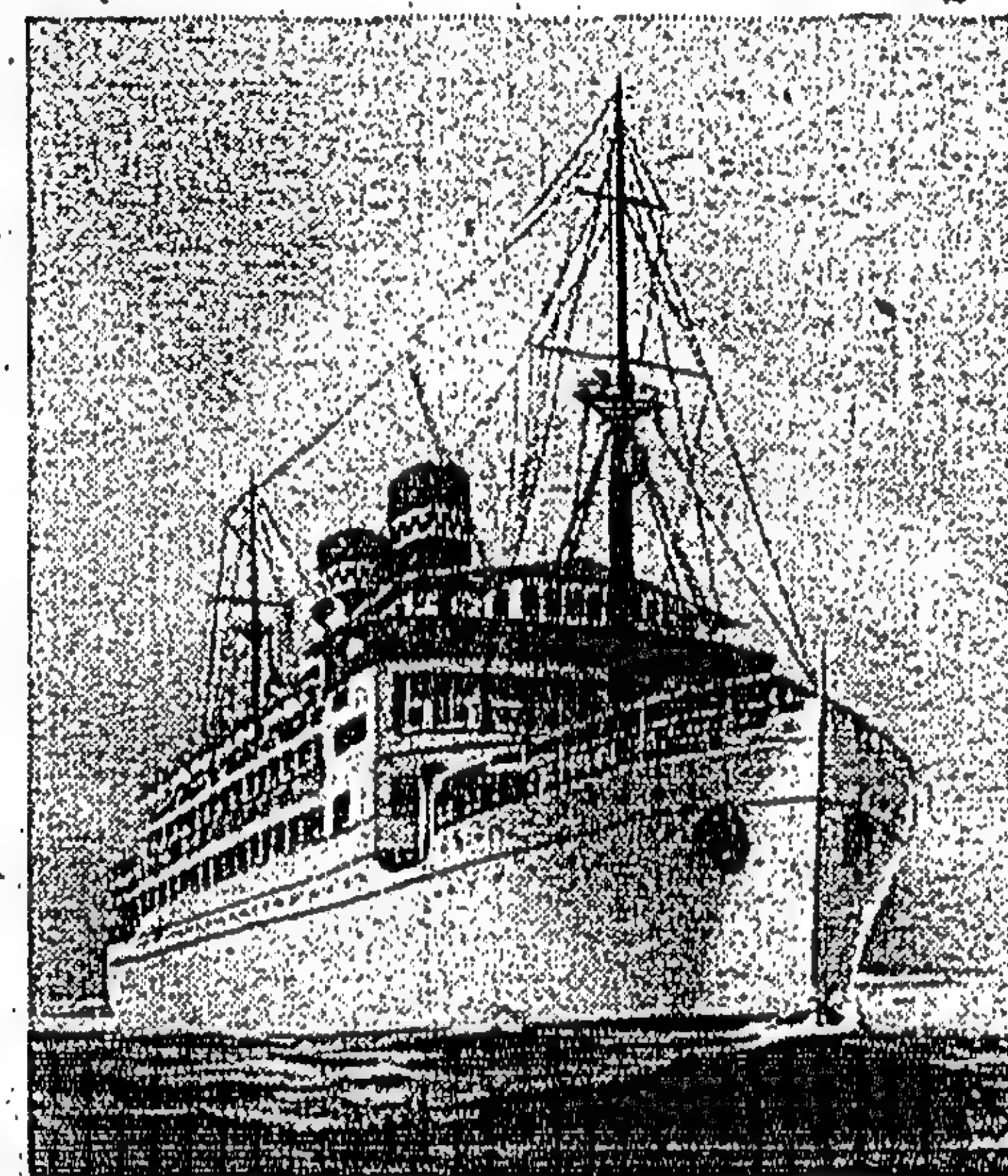
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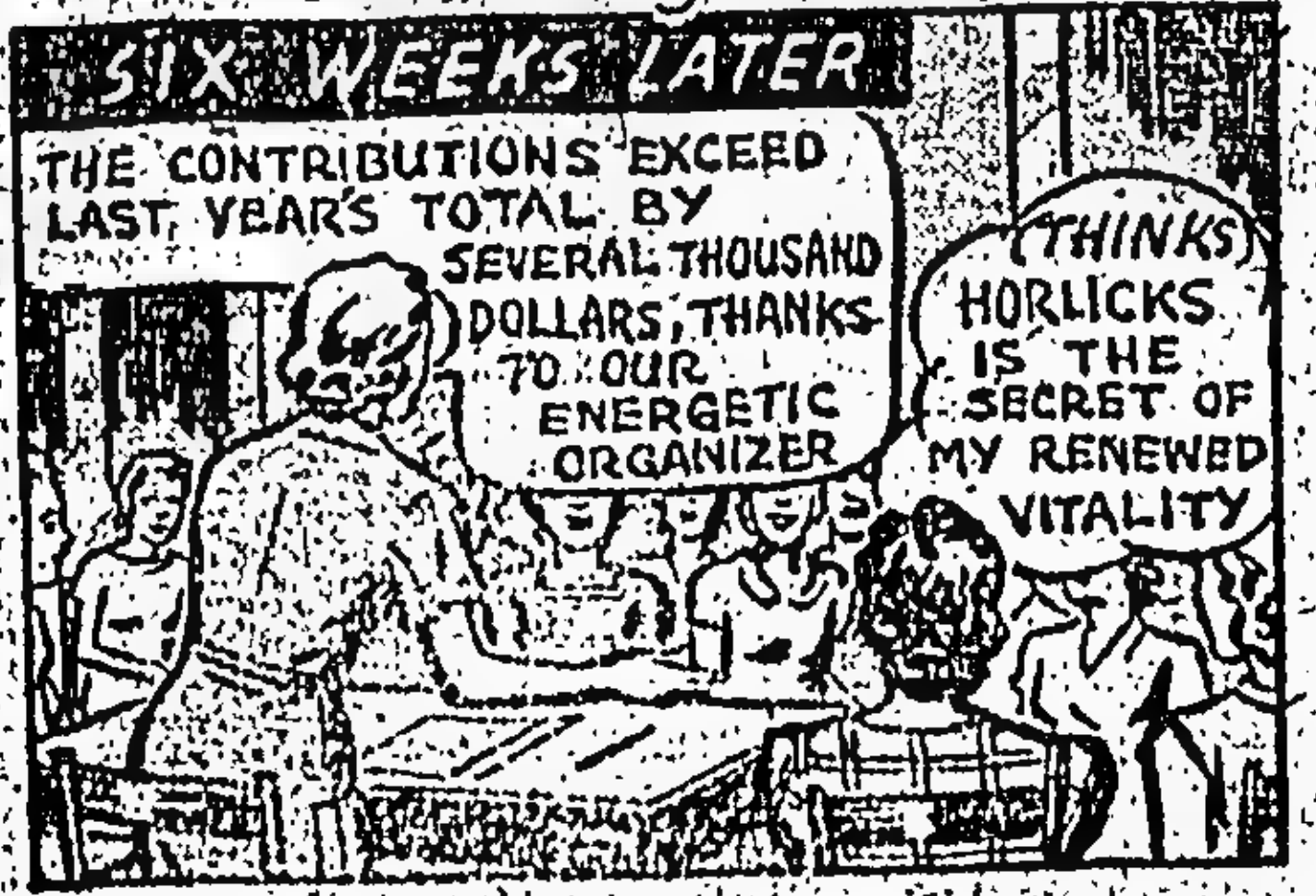
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS



PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **MONDAY, the 7th day of October, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency, the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.**

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Content in sq. ft.	Annual Rent	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	422.	Kowloon Island Lot No. 422.							
		Tai Kok Tsui.							
			As per sale plan				About 5000	\$20	\$10,000

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BRIDGE NOTES

(By The Four Aces)

THOUGHTFUL DEFENCE
West's defence, in the hand below, was one of the best we have seen for months:

South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♠ 6 3 2	♥ 10 7 6 3
♦ A 8	♣ 2
♦ 8 7 4	♣ K Q J
♠ A 6 5 4 2	♥ 10 8 3
♠ K 10 5	♥ 5
♥ K Q J 9	♦ A 6 2
♦ 4	♣ K 7 3
♠ 9 5	♥ 10 8 3
♣ Q J 9	♣ 10 8 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the King of hearts, dummy winning with the Ace. The spade finesse was then attempted, and West took his King.

At this point most players would lead the heart Queen, and South would make the contract. For Declarer would ruff, draw trumps, cash the club King, and duck the next club. Then the rest of the clubs would furnish discards.

But West realised the danger that South might have no more hearts and also expected that his partner had diamond strength for his bid. He therefore shifted at once to the nine of diamonds. East played the ten, and South ducked; East then played the diamond King, and South won the trick.

Declarer next drew trumps and laid down the club King. Here again a careless player would have dropped the game—but West dropped the Jack of clubs!

On the next club, East was able to get the lead (for South's only chance was to duck in order to bring in the clubs), and East was then able to cash a diamond for the setting trick.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner; and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ 6 3 2	♥ 10 7 6 3
♦ A 8	♣ 2
♦ 8 7 4	♣ K Q J
♠ A 6 5 4 2	♥ 10 8 3

The bidding:

Burnstone	Jacoby	Yeo	Schenken
1♠	2♥	(?)	(?)

ANSWER: Bid two spades. The cat, Inc.)



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ENDED IN THE WRONG DEATH

An N.C.O. who said he intended to commit suicide in front of a major, instead of which the officer was 'shot' was found not guilty of both murder and manslaughter at Hampshire Assizes and was discharged.

He was James Henry Roach, thirty-five, a regimental sergeant-major, who said in evidence that the officer, Major Francis J. F. Graham, seemed dissatisfied with his work. Roach conceived the idea of shooting himself in front of the major.

He went to the major's office and said: "Listen to me a moment, Major Graham, before I do myself in." There was a struggle, in which a revolver was discharged, but he did not realise that the major had been shot.

Roach said he had been on Dunkirk beach for three days, and nights under constant aerial attacks.

hand is too strong for a pass but too weak for three clubs. The raise is the best bid available.

Score 100% for two spades, 20% for three clubs, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 532
To-day you are Merwin Majer's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 10 9 8	♥ 5 3
♦ J 9 6	♣ A Q J 8

The bidding:

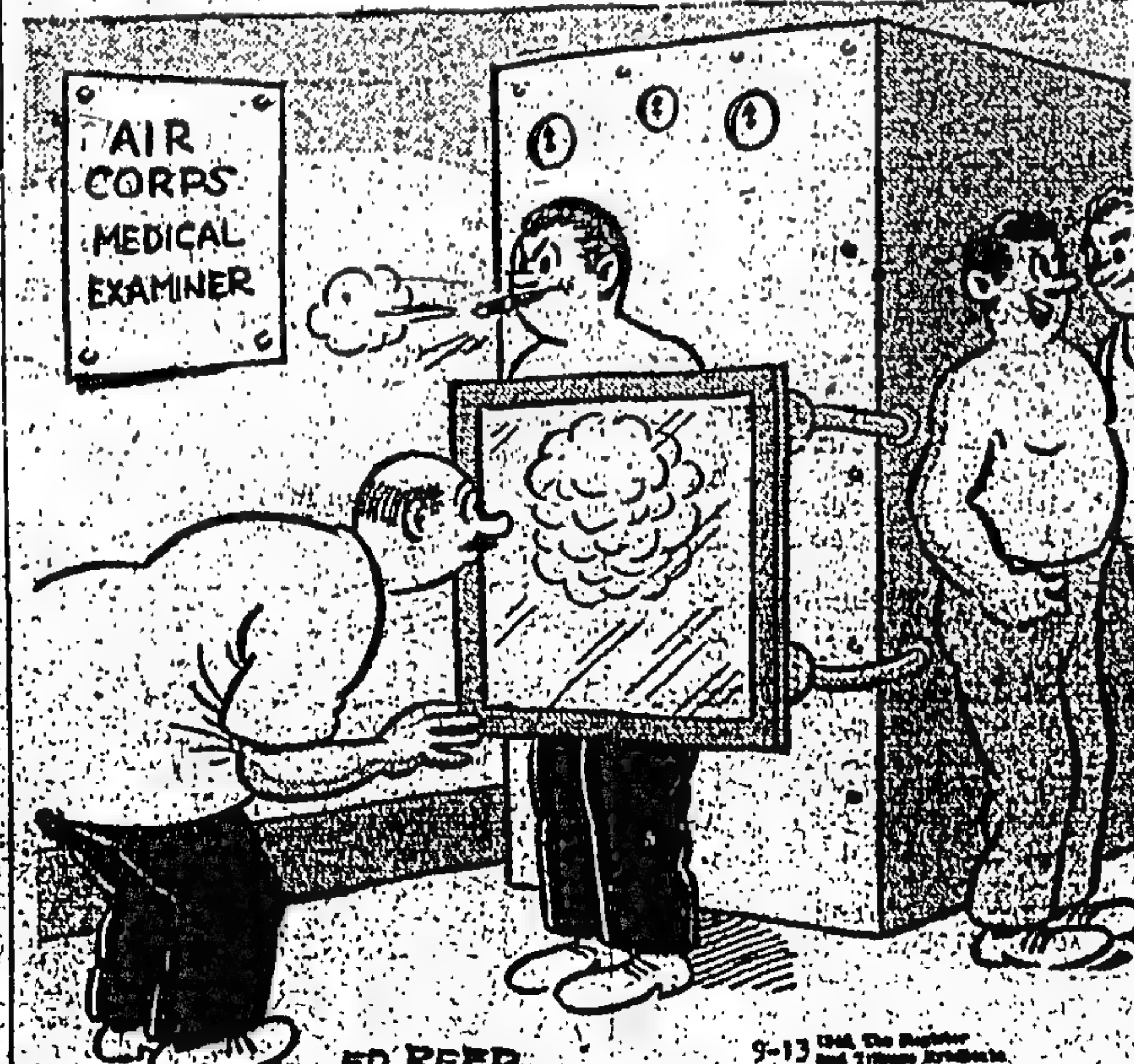
Yeo	Schenken	Majer	Jacoby
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass

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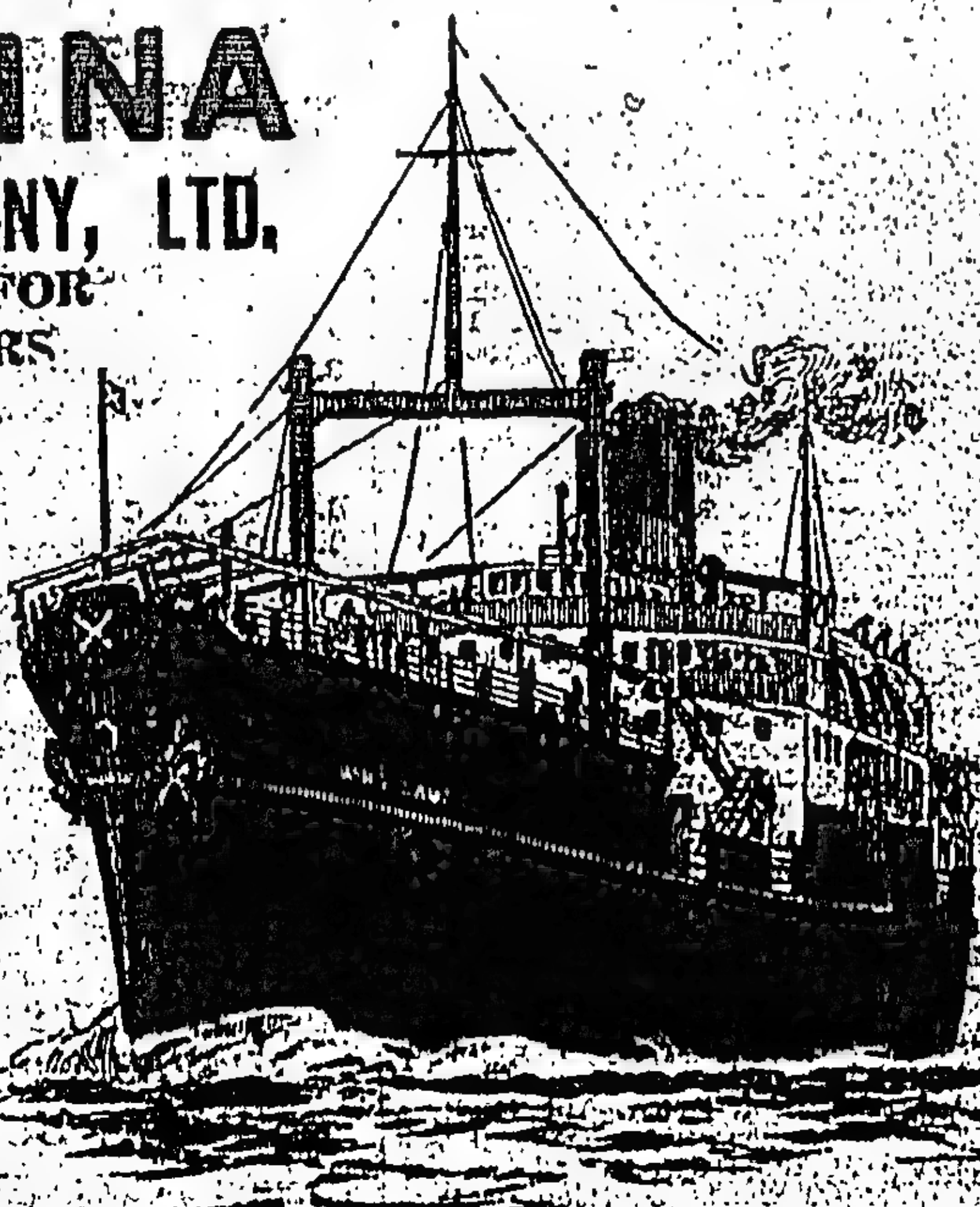
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C.R.C.'S NINTH TITLE

The much-awaited "A" Division tennis match between Chinese Recreation Club and Indian Recreation Club was played yesterday at Causeway Bay and resulted in the Chinese winning by 7-1/2 sets to 1-1/2.

This win gives the Chinese Recreation Club the "A" Division title for the ninth year in succession.

H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn were the only Indian players to offer any material resistance for the losers but they were beaten by Tsui brothers by 4-6.

Tsui Wai-pui and T. C. Lu (C.R.C.)
beat A. H. Madar and A. R. Minu 6-4
beat S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn 6-4
beat O. Rumjahn and I. M. A. Razack 6-3

Lee Wai-long and Tsui Yan-pui (C.R.C.)

beat Madar and Minu 6-2
lost to Rumjahn and Rumjahn 3-6
beat Rumjahn and Razack 6-2

Paul Kong and T. C. Chan (C.R.C.)

beat Madar and Minu 6-3
drew with Rumjahn and Rumjahn 6-6
beat Rumjahn and Razack 6-0

"Y" LADIES MEET

A meeting of the ladies' hockey section of the European Y.M.C.A. was held yesterday, the following being present:— Mrs. Olive Burnett, Miss Muriel McCaw, Mrs. Ursula Macklin, Miss Sheila Bruce and Mr. E. W. Ratton. Owing to lack of information regarding number of players available, the meeting was adjourned and will probably be resumed at a later date.

NO MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

At a meeting of the Executive Council of Chinese Recreation Club held on Wednesday, it was unanimously decided not to stage the annual Colony Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship which has been run by the C.R.C. for the past few years. The decision taken conformed with advice on the subject sought from the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association. The absence from the Colony of a considerable proportion of the best players among the lady tennis enthusiasts here was an important factor influencing this decision.

ARMY TENNIS

The semi-final of the Army Tennis Open Singles tournament was decided at Sookunpoo yesterday, when Sgt. Murray of the Royal Army Pay Corps beat S/Sgt. Adam of the same Regiment by 6-0, 6-2, while S/Sgt. Duffield of Royal Army Ordnance Corps beat S/Sgt. Emberson (R.A.O.C.) 6-4, 6-3.

The final of the tournament will be decided at Sookunpoo on Monday.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Starting Times for Fanning's SUNDAY Old Course

9.18 a.m.	Comdr. Hole, J. Linaker.
9.20	T. E. Pearce, J. C. Taylor.
9.24	L. R. Andrewes, T. McGarry.
9.28	A. McKellar, R. K. Collings.
9.32	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
9.36	K. S. Morrison, I. H. Geare.
9.44	A. D. Humphreys, F. A. Redmond.
9.48	S. T. Butlin, H. A. Mills.
10.00	A. E. Lissaman, C. W. E. Bishop.
10.04	D. S. Robb, K. S. Robertson.
10.08	S. H. Dodwell, Brig. McLeod.
10.12	P. M. Cotton, W. Harper.
10.16	H. M. Rowland, B. O. Baldwin.
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THE SOVIETS TWO MAIN MILITARY ORGANS RECENTLY DISCUSSED THE AIR ATTACKS ON BRITAIN AND THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INVASION.

In the "Red Star," Col. Juravleff declares that although Germany is in an advantageous position, owing to her wide system of coastal bases pointing at the British Isles, "from the experience of the first big air battle one cannot expect the German Air Force to break through British resistance soon."

Since he bases his view on the assumption that losses on each side have been approximately equal, his conclusion seems encouraging for Britain.

A commentator in the journal the "Red Fleet," is also far from discouraging, if his argument is carefully analysed. If, he says, one puts air losses at three per cent, the Germans are now losing 45 to 50 bombers a day. Thus the German aviation industry must turn out 1,500 bombers a month to make up the losses, without allowing for wear and tear of machines.

To cover losses in personnel over the same period they need 1,500 trained flying crews, without counting pilots of fighter and reconnaissance aircraft lost.

After discussing the possibility of Britain being defeated by exhaustion, the "Red Fleet" argues that Germany must make up her mind to attempt an invasion of Britain now.

Afterwards, fog will wreck air cooperation in any attempted descent on the British coasts. The Channel, it is argued, is obviously the best area for an attempted landing, because air attack and light speed-boats can be used there to the best advantage, whereas British ships cannot.

But if Britain uses her maximum forces there a landing may well fail. Against 35 to 40 British divisions the Germans would be forced to use at least 100 to 120. Therefore, they would probably be forced to attempt a second landing at another point, striking at England's vital centres.

Such a landing, however, could scarcely be more than an attempt to divert British forces, because it would encounter immense difficulties from powerful British surface craft, and the coastal defence and the air force is fully capable of preventing it when the German fleet's weakness in comparison with the British Navy is considered.

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12.30 p.m.—The Ballyhoolligans.

12.40 p.m.—Glenn Miller and his Orch.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.02 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"London"—a somewhat misadventured tour of the Capital of the British Empire.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety with Flotsam and Jetsam.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.00 p.m.—Dance Music.

6.32 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.34 p.m.—Two of Charlie Kunz' Piano Medleys.

6.45 p.m.—London Relay—"Melody Match"—A Competition.

7.15 p.m.—Boston Promenade Orch.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—"The News."

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Studio—"A talk by 'Eeyore' on the Competition held in the Hong Kong Radio Review during September on 'Cautionary Tales'."

8.25 p.m.—Ross—Merchant of Venice Suite.

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8.42 p.m.—A Recital by Feuermann (Cello).

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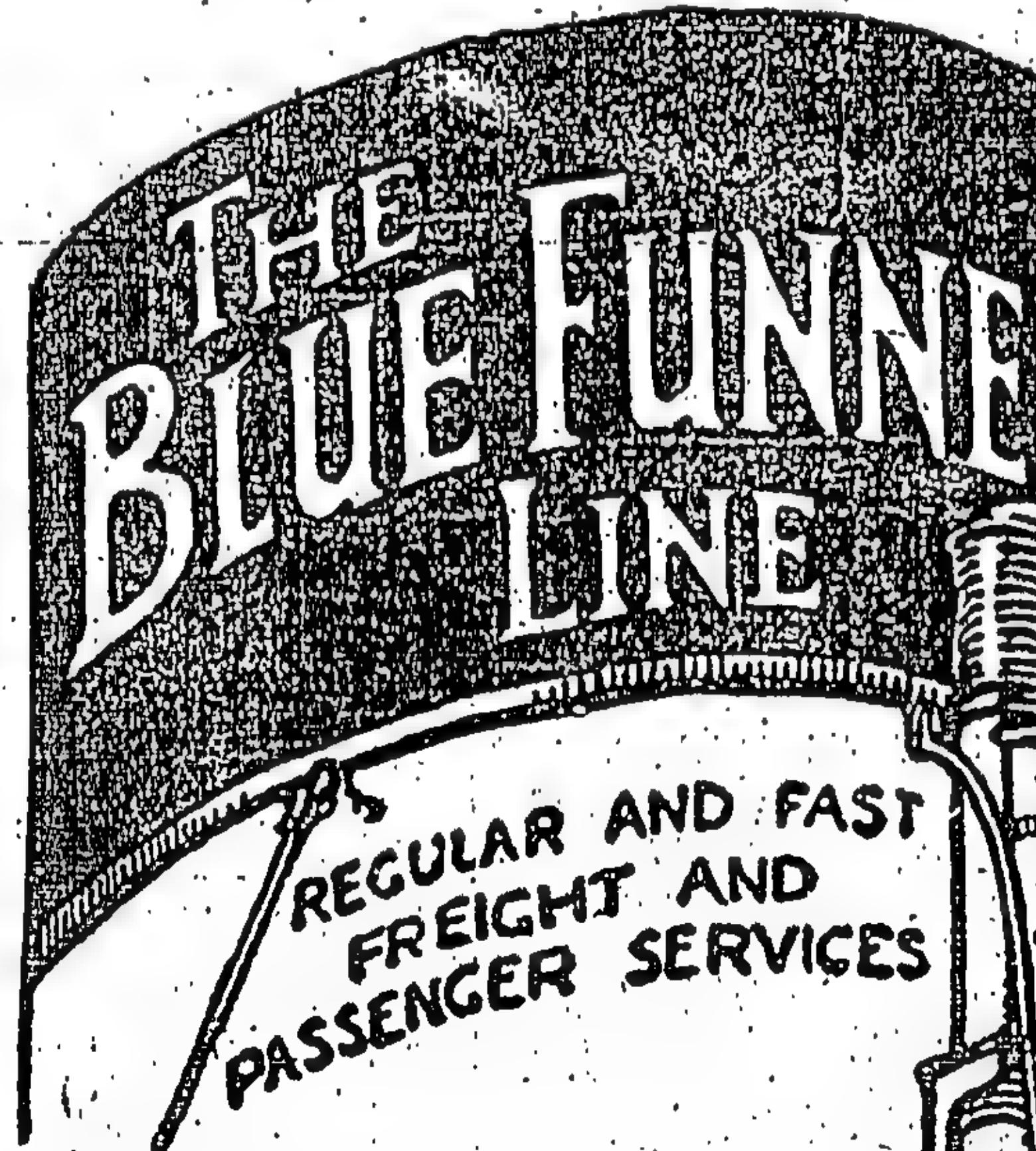
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CRAIGENGOWER CERTAIN OF BEING SENIOR RUNNERS-UP

By "Skip"

THERE WAS LITTLE of interest in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday although the three teams in the running for the top position in Second Division all won their games, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, who are the most comfortably situated, having the biggest win of the day and Kowloon Football Club the second best.

Taikoo finished their programme with a win against Police and now have 28 points—the same as the Austin Road team who play the Civil Servants away to-morrow in their last match which they ought to win.

Should they be beaten, however, there could be a triple tie if Kowloon Football Club win both their remaining two games.

Craigengower assured themselves of runners-up position by beating Kowloon Dock at Hung Tom, though the margin in their favour was only small. On the other hand it should be noted that the visitors had not a very strong team out, Omar having a third team player in his rink as well as Bill Penney, who although worth his place, does not play regularly in the League.

Omar's Lost Chance

This rink, strange to say, was well ahead of McKelvie's for a long time and actually led by 5-4 but the home four finished strongly to win by a singleton and so rob Omar of what chance he had of being the champion skip.

This honour deservedly goes to Carlos Silva, who has not been beaten in the 16 games which he has so far played this season.

Bob Morrison was again in good form against Basa and lost only a couple of shots but McKelvie's rink had a slight edge on Kempton's and had a margin of seven at the finish.

The Indians had a very weak Civil Service team against them and had little difficulty in winning, though Jack Hollidge continued to show good form in getting the better of A. R. Minu, slipping in place of Dallah who was not available. Jeff Hoosen took Minu's place as three to A. Minu and did quite well as number three, though lead is his usual position. The rink won by 10 shots but Abbas went even better in beating Harry Strange.



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"CHINA MAIL" CUP

By "Skip"

The Inter-Unit Knock-out Rink Competition for the "China Mail" Cup is well under way and sets of rules, together with entrance forms, have been sent to all Unit Commanders.

The rules, a set of which I have before me, are quite simple although the one which reads:

"Providing that two of the original players play through the competition, substitutes who shall not have previously played in a rink which has been eliminated, will be allowed. These substitutes need not carry on until the rink is eliminated."

may need some elaboration, not so much to clarify it as to give the reason it was made. It was pointed out at the meeting that members of certain teams might be on duty on Sunday morning and although they might manage to play in the first round, they could not turn out for the second, yet might again be available for the next one.

The rule was formulated to meet such a case as in one or two instances rinks could not otherwise have been entered and it was wished to secure as many entries as possible.

It should be noted, by the way, that entries will now close at 5 p.m. (by hand) or first post on Wednesday next and not on the Friday as was originally intended.

This was due to the fact, firstly, that Thursday is a holiday, and secondly that two of the sub-committee will be out training on the Friday. The draw will be announced in the mid-day papers on Friday.

T.W. CARR LIES "FOUR BOTTLES"—GETS NOWT!

By "Skip"

ALTHOUGH TAIKOO HAD A CLEAR CUT WIN AGAINST POLICE I THOUGHT THEY WOULD HAVE HAD A MUCH BIGGER MARGIN THAN 17 IN THEIR FAVOUR.

The homesters had three First Division men in their team, which strengthened it a lot.

Jimmy Chalmers was trailing until a seven put him on the road to victory and he never looked back. Keown was similarly placed against Aitken but it was steady, rather than dramatic, scoring which brought him ultimate victory. Donald Munro, on the other hand, always kept ahead of Willie Dall in spite of the latter having Ted Post as his right hand man.

Cornell played a deadly game as lead to R. R. Davies who did remarkably well to beat Bob Duncan at Austin Road. The other Cricket Club rinks were never in the running, Archie, Nissim having 37 chalked up against him to which he replied with ten, reaching double figures—the losing team's goal in many cases—by means of a three at the last head. Lockhart's four were far too good for the visitors, whilst Brown, after holding Drew for half the game, rather went to pieces.

Poor Opposition

Kowloon Cricket Club had to make several changes in their team to oppose Kowloon Football Club and put up very poor opposition apart from Overy who held Bill Simpson to a single shot.

Youngusband had one of the season's best flukes when, with the opposition lying "four bottles," he wicked off a Wood six feet wide to secure second shot. He eventually beat Tommy Carr

after a tight game but Bill Field simply trounced Taylor though the latter chalked up 11 in the last four ends to recover from a deficit of 31-6 at that stage!

Similarly Kowloon Tong had very little to worry about when Civil Servants visited them, Harry Gittins gaining a commanding lead of nearly 20 shots against Burling before the latter got going, and scored on nine successive ends!

Stephens and Eccleshall were pretty level until the half-way stage when the home skip had a useful burst of scoring to eventually win by over a dozen.

Charlie Strange will probably consider himself unlucky to only tie with Kew after scoring on 14 heads but as he was able to score only sixteen shots, perhaps the home skip deserved his point, after all!

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

THERE has been a tendency in the Alleys of late for pairs challenge matches, the idea being for the weaker pair to ascertain their standing against a stronger pair.

I am inclined to foster this idea because as a rule the weaker pair, with the added incentive, produce a standard above their normal.

There was such a challenge match played last Thursday between four players, all of the Royal Corps of Signals.

G. Birkett and H. Hall challenged J. H. Watts and H. Blount to a 5-game match, which resulted for an easy victory for the latter pair by 133 pins. The individual scores being as follows—

	Total		Total
H. Blount	848	G. Birkett	794
J. H. Watts	817	H. Hall	738

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Blount, as usual, was top-scorer with 848 and another two pins would have given him an average of 170 pins per game. Watts was second highest scorer with a good 817, or almost a 164 pin average. Feature of Watts' and Blount's scoring was the consistency of their bowling.

In the case of Watts his lowest score was 153 and his highest 171. In the case of Blount his lowest score was 163 and highest 182. Birkett did quite well to make a good 794 or an average of 159 pins per game, and while Hall was lower than his usual, his 738 or 148 average nevertheless was fair.

Intra-Ship Match

There was a match arranged

RIBEIRO'S GREAT SHOT

By "Skip"

Much has been written about the Open Pairs Final but I cannot omit a reference to it. The play of F. V. V. Ribeiro was really outstanding and it can be said that on the day's play U. M. Omar met his master which is "a most unusual thing" as Albert says on one of his records.

He will agree—Omar, I mean, not Albert—I think that he usually had the position when the skips went down as Dick Alves had quite an off day, especially for the first 12 or 14 heads when A. M. Omar was playing very well indeed. But Chico usually undid the younger brother's good work, often consolidating his own good shots.

The plum of the afternoon was towards the end when he nominated what would otherwise have been thought a fluke, to secure the shot when the Omars lay three or four in what appeared to be an impregnable position. It was a great match, well worthy of the occasion and one which will long be remembered by those who saw it.

Off Form

The "Asheville" Team were without doubt completely off form. Balaski was the top scorer for his side with 728 or an average of 145 pins per game, but it will be noticed that this score was not as high as the lowest score of the C.P.O.'s.

Joe Harvey was second highest for the "Asheville" team with 668 or an average of 134. On tracing back through his bowling records in these Alleys I find that this score is the lowest he has ever put up in the Alleys—just imagine this veteran bowler making such a lowly score as 109 which he did on his second game.

Fleming for the "Asheville" team made 660 or 132 pins average.

Hayman has only played one or two match games in these Alleys, and this probably accounted for his low score of 552 or average of 110 pins per game. There was no doubt that the "Asheville" team were thoroughly out of form.

Another Challenge Game

There was another pairs challenge game played off on Tuesday, between four of the best bowlers in the Alleys. Cpl. Watts and Cpl. Blount were pitted against Doc. Molthen and Ernie Hearther.

The challenge is a 20-game match to be played off in four matches of five games each. The first of the series was played off on Tuesday, October 1 and resulted in first blood to Doc. Molthen and Ernie Hearther, an advantage of 32 pins being secured. The second match will take place on Tuesday, October 8 at 8 p.m. The individual scores for the first match were as follows—

J. H. Watts	840	J. H. Blount	825
Doc. Molthen	830	Ernie Hearther	820

It can be seen the scoring all round was fairly even and had Watts not failed miserably on his fifth game to make only 120, it is not a point who would have won the first encounter.

BOWLS TEAMS

Following bowls teams have been selected for Saturday—

K.C.C.
First Division (v. K.D.R.C., home)—G. Lee, A. W. Smith, W. Hyde and E. Kern. (skip); W. Parsons, G. C. Moss, J. Fraser and P. Goodwin. (skip); V. C. Labrum, T. A. Madar, A. W. Ramsey and E. C. Fincher. (skip).
Friendly Match (v. K.F.G.C.A., home)—T. C. Tribble, R. Leigh, G. Taylor and T. W. Carr. (skip); R. E. Leo, A. E. Perry, R. H. E. Marks and Overy. (skip); F. Curtis, F. A. Fabel, L. Jack and Meadows. (skip).
C.S.C.C.
First Division (v. Revere, "A", home)—J. Gellatly, A. D. Allan, J. W. Deakin

and M. N. Hakusen. (skip); M. E. Purvis, J. Hempsey, W. J. Burling and H. E. Strange. (skip); C. J. Walker, W. E. Colledge, J. F. McGowan and J. Hollidge. (skip).
Second Division (v. K.B.G.C., home)—T. Seddon, M. Scott, E. Kirmon and S. Eccleshall. (skip); P. D. Crawley, S. Morris, H. F. Harper and C. Strange. (skip); A. F. Shephard, J. R. Carr, F. S. Austin and W. R. Hillyer. (skip).
H.K.C.C.
Second Division (v. C.C.C., home)—G. R. Razavel, J. L. Mouat, A. Nisshin and G. E. Costello. (skip); B. J. Lacom, A. T. Lay, W. A. Cornhill and R. R. Davick. (skip); P. S. Cassidy, W. A. Cruickshank, R. A. Edwards and R. W. Brown. (skip).

2-Day Meeting Starts To-morrow

Record Crowd Expected; Huge "Double" Pool Brought Forward

COMDR. CRAVEN TO MAKE DEBUT: MR. NEEDA BACK

By "Rapiet"

THE EIGHTH EXTRA Race Meeting, under the auspices of Hong Kong Jockey Club, will start to-morrow at the Valley and will be resumed on Thursday, the "Double Tenth" holiday. The first Saddling Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on both days.

Given fine weather a record crowd is expected and interest will be greatly enhanced as the sum of \$6,425 in the "Double" pool has been carried over from the last meeting.

The programme for each day will consist of eight events, most important being the October Handicap over the Champions distance to-morrow, and the "Double Tenth Plate" on Thursday from the 1-1/2 Mile Post. These are handicap events and are confined to China ponies of any season, the race on Thursday being barred to the winner of the October Handicap, 1940.

Commander Craven, a new arrival from Gibraltar, who has had a great deal of racing experience at Home, will make his local debut to-morrow, while Mr. Li Shiu-fai, son of Mr. Li Po-chun, will also make an initial appearance as a Novice jockey. With Mr. V. V. Needa, the former Shanghai crack jockey, having returned from the North after a short holiday, there should be keen competition for honours amongst the jockeys.

RACE NO. 1 CARNARVON STAKES: ONE MILE

Opening race of the day is confined to China ponies, griffins of this season that have not won more than \$750 in stakes, and are to be ridden by jockeys who have not won 10 races anywhere at any time.

Resisting Time with Mr. Wei up won the Island Bay Handicap (First Section) for "C" Class, China ponies, at the last meeting and as it will be ridden by Mr. Yeung Wing Kwai, a fast improving Novice jockey, it should win again, providing it can reproduce its previous form.

Eve of Dancing has also been entered and as the distance is longer, coupled with the fact that it will be ridden again by Mr. Wood, this combination is worth considering.

In my opinion, however, Smashing Through (Mr. S. W. Lee) is the only pony likely to extend Resisting Time, as it is in fine condition at the moment. For All Time, which has now fully recovered from its leg trouble, is now in fine fettle and will be taken care of by Mr. Li Shiu-fai, the owner's son and, as it will be carrying about 55 lb. deadweight, it is unlikely to do better than place.

RACE NO. 2 JORDAN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ABOUT HALF MILE 155 YARDS

This is a sprint event and is confined to first section of "D" Class, China ponies.

Although Portrush (Mr. H. S. Chang) had the better of Sunlight View (Mr. Pih) at the last meeting in the Junk Bay Handicap (First Section) I am inclined to believe that to-morrow, in view of the short distance, Sunlight View, given topweight of 168 lb., is likely to reverse this result.

At any rate, the finish should again be fought out between these two ponies with Sunlight View having a slight advantage. There are also Eve of Hunting (Commander Craven) and Smiling Time (Mr. Wei) to be reckoned with as both ponies are capable of causing an upset, although the latter ran unplaced at the last meeting.

For an outsider, I would suggest West Lake, as it will be ridden by Mr. Chao.

RACE NO. 3 OCTOBER HANDICAP: ONE AND A QUARTER MILES

This is the main event of the afternoon and the cream of the "A" Class China ponies will participate. There should be a grand struggle with a thrilling finish probably. Weights have been judiciously distributed.

Confusion Bay, since coming in

third to Burford in the Champion Stakes, has not been seen in action; it has been given topweight of 168 lb. and, as it will be ridden by Mr. Needa for the first time, to-morrow, coupled with its fitness at the moment, I believe that it has a good chance of scoring a win here.

There is, however, Eve of Harvest (Mr. Black) to be reckoned with; it will be carrying 147 lb. against 145 lb. when it won the Whitsun Plate, in record time, over the Champions distance at the 5th Extra Meeting.

Craigavad (Mr. H. C. Pih), carrying 151 lb., was second to Eve of Harvest when it lost by 1 1/2 lengths in the above race through a belated challenge on the part of the rider who was deprived of the use of the whip. To-morrow it has an advantage of 5 lb. from the Eve pony and, as the jockey will have the use of his whip, I expect it to give the above-mentioned ponies a good fight if it does not actually win. This pony has improved considerably since the Summer recess.

The race is likely to be fought out at a terrific pace with the result in doubt until the end.

O-Lan (Mr. Sung) is the outsider in this race.

RACE NO. 4 AUSTIN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE

This race is confined to first section of "B" Class, China ponies and, judging by its win at the last meeting in the Tweed Island Bay Handicap, Conquering Time (Mr. Wei) still has a chance of winning although it has been penalised by 5 lb. which I believe it can handle.

Bear Claw ridden by Mr. Trevorton on its last outing, ran unplaced but as Mr. Black, its regular jockey, will be taking it out on this occasion, it will probably do better and should be well up at the finish.

Humdrum Eve (Mr. Pih), which won the Mount Davis Handicap at the Fourth Extra Meeting, did not start at the last meeting in the Tweed Island Bay Handicap, although entered, and I have a feeling that its connection is reserving it for this event which it is quite capable of winning.

Mr. Hearne has the choice of either Gay Star or Hopeful Star and whichever one he takes out is dangerous. Jennifer will be taken out by Mr. Needa instead of Mr. Proulx to-morrow and as its weight is only 144 lb. I think this combination is worth 55 each way.

Ronson (Mr. Poy) was a disappointment over the sprint race and finished nowhere the last time out; it might make amends to-morrow.

RACE NO. 5 CANTALA HANDICAP: 1 1/4 MILES

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double" and is confined to "B" Class Australian Subscription ponies; it is certainly no easy matter to pick the winner, which will probably be one of the following:

Fair Chance (Mr. Proulx), Murrumbidgee (Mr. Black), Rowan (Mr. Hearne), Springhurst (Mr. Pih).

Triumphant Day (Mr. Sung). Springhurst, which was second to Victory in the Vauluse Handicap at the last meeting over six furlongs, has been penalised by 3 lb. Although the pony finished full of running, I am afraid that the distance may be too long for it, unless Mr. Poy can hold it until the last half-mile and then let go. Rowan was third in this same race when it dead-heated with Pumpernickel but as the distance is longer, I think its chance of winning here is very bright.

Murrumbidgee is very lightly treated and judging from past performances I consider this pony very dangerous as it is very fit at the moment. Fair Chance ran unplaced in the above race against Springhurst and Rowan, probably due to the shortness of the distance, but it is quite capable of distinguishing itself.

Triumphant Day, although it has not fully recovered its old form, and has been inconsistent, may well give the above-mentioned ponies a good run for first position.

RACE NO. 6 JORDAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ABOUT HALF MILE 155 YARDS

This race will be contested by the second section of "D" Class, China ponies. Having placed second in the Junk Bay Handicap (Second Section) to March Brown over the mile at the last meeting when ridden by Mr. Yeung Wing Kwai, Double Chance has been allotted topweight of 168 lb. It will be taken care of by Mr. L. B. Chao, who has had a win at Macao over the sprint event carrying the maximum weight, and I believe it stands a chance of winning. Main challenge will come from Bressay, which is also carrying 168 lb. and, with Mr. B. L. Tao on top, should redeem itself in this race as it is fast over this distance.

Piet Hein is another pony which may come home a winner. Emergency Call, ridden by Mr. Black, should be a dangerous contender as these two form a good combination. Valorous (Mr. Hearne) and Ascot Vale (Mr. P. P. Botelho) are also good enough to win.

RACE NO. 7 AUSTIN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE

The result of the second leg of the "Daily Double" will be decided on this race, which will be confined to second section "B" Class, China ponies, and the winner will no doubt come from one of the following:

Avon (Mr. Black), Expansion Time (Mr. Wei), King Kong (Commander Craven).

Peaceful View (Mr. Pih).

Avon has been demoted from the first section and is therefore allotted topweight of 168 lb. and, although the weight is rather severe, I think it is capable of handling this burden and so give the other a good fight, if not actually winning.

Expansion Time, which lost to Gay Star at the Fifth Extra Meeting in the Lama Handicap over 1 1/4 miles, has grown in substance and, judging from its work-out in the morning training, I think it has a very good chance of winning; it should be seriously challenged by Peaceful View, however, which is very light and fit at the moment.

King Kong is also good enough to win and, although taken out by a newcomer, should not be disregarded.

I tip Peaceful View to win.

RACE NO. 8 WILLIAMSTOWN HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This race will wind up the first day's programme and "D" Class Australian ponies will participate. Tarzan, with Mr. Wei up, came second to A. Green Time in the Port Phillip Handicap at the last meeting and has been penalised by 7 lb. and, although it is fast over sprint events, I am afraid that the distance may be just a bit too much for it.

Catcliff Bridge did quite well to come fourth after a bad start at the last meeting against A. Green Time, and should Mr. Hearne decide to take it out to-morrow, it should not be ignored as it is good, although liable to shy at the gate.

Grand Allegiance (Mr. Pih) has been most unreliable in its outings, and I am afraid to recommend it for a win, but a 50 bet on it this trip may turn out profitable.

Venus Bay disappointed last time out under Mr. Sung, when it was made hot favourite, and over this longer distance, and with a change of jockey, Mr. Needa,

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

TUESDAY evening brought us to the end of the Small Units Water-Polo competition with the final match being played between Hong Kong Signal Company and "A" Company of the Middlesex Regiment. The game was played at the Queen's Road swimming pool with Cpl. Nichol of the R.A.M.C. in charge.

Signals played well and deserved the honour of being champions. Their combination was far superior to that of their opponents. They opened the scoring after three minutes' play and from then on took control of the game with the Middles trying hard to score, although most of their efforts were smashed by the fine play of the defenders. P.S.M. Ure was badly missed by the losers and with him in it might have been a different tale. Pitcher of the Signals played an excellent game and scored five of his side's six, the other goal came from Dignan. Allen was taking no chances with Jennings of the Middlesex and marked him well. Freshwater was the best player on the Middles' side although a little unsteady and often left his man to get away with the ball.

The Final of the Large Units' Water-Polo Competition will be played next week, time and date to be notified later. This should prove to be a keen game especially as the units partaking in this final are Signals and Middlesex, who both have excellent water-polo teams.

The Small Units have once again retained the Aggregate Cup for Swimming for 1940.

The Signals have also won the Departmental Corps league for Water-Polo and will be presented with the KAY LEE Cup.

LAST Monday at Sookunpoo, Royal Army Service Corps played one of His Majesty's Ships in a friendly game and lost 4-2. S/S Williams did not play as well as usual. Cpl. Govier scored the Corps' two goals.

This was his first game of the season and with a little more practice he should turn out to be one of their best players. Logan and Pearn, the inside men, played well together and have a perfect combination, while Ashman in the pivot line was outstanding and caused many upsets to the opposing forwards although they were the victors.

The Combined Military Hospital, Kowloon are a late entry for the Departmental Corps Hockey League which starts this month, and here are their fixtures:

To be played before—18th October—R.A.M.C. v C.M.H.; 24th October—C.M.H. v R.A.O.C.; 1st November—R.A.S.C. v C.M.H.; 8th November—C.M.H. v Signals; 15th November—R.A.F. v C.M.H.

Kumaon Rifles beat the Rajputana Rifles in a friendly game at Shamshuipo on Wednesday by 3-1. Both teams turned out their strongest side.

Middlesex are holding their battalion trial on Monday at Shamshuipo, bully off 4.30 p.m.

The Signals played the Police at Boundary Street on Tuesday and lost 3-0. They were unfortunate to be without the services of their goal-keeper, who was injured in the first few minutes of the second half, and had to play without him for the rest of the game.

THE Middlesex Regiment are playing Eastern at Sookunpoo on Saturday, kick-off at 4.30 p.m. This should undoubtedly be the finest game of the week, especially v. 14th Eastern, fielding practically the same side with which they won it.

Warrego River will be ridden by Mr. Black instead of Mr. Trevorton and, as this pony came up strongly at the last meeting, it should put up a good fight. My selections are Catcliff Bridge for first place, with Venus Bay and Warrego River fighting out the second position, and Grand Allegiance as the outsider.

the cup last season. Middlesex will still be without Bridge who is on the injured list.

Royal Scots will entertain S. Joseph's at Sookunpoo on Sunday and should not have much trouble in taking both the points.

Middlesex juniors are playing R.A.S.C. at Sookunpoo on Saturday, kick-off 3.15 p.m. and this also should be worth watching after the brilliant performance the Middles have given us in their previous games.

Royal Engineers will meet S. Tao in Second Division on Sunday and are confident of winning. Fox is on form as he was last week. S. Tao defenders will have to keep a good eye on him. Signals, who will meet 20th Hvy Bty, R.A., are turning out their strongest team and should win. R.A.M.C. and the R.A.S.C. will be having a battle royal when they meet on Saturday in their Third Division match on the Military ground, Happy Valley.

THE Middlesex Regiment have once again started their Mous Shield cricket games for Platoon of the Battalion, and from this competition they should be able to produce one or two new players for the Regimental team. On Sunday they are having a trial match.

On Wednesday Signals played friendly with a Navy side and lost by two wickets. Signals batted first and were all out for only 5 runs, Lees making the highest score with eight. The Sailors scored 55 for 6 but batted on and the last wicket produced 56 runs and took their total score to 111.

NEXT Monday and Tuesday brings us to the end of the other ranks singles and doubles tournaments. On Monday the finals of the singles will be played at Sookunpoo, and on Tuesday the finals of the doubles will be played at the same place at 4.30 p.m.

Colonel G. R. Hopkins, O.B.E. President of Hong Kong Army Tennis, has kindly consented to present the prizes at the conclusion of the tournament.

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CLUB RUGBY TRIAL

The following two fifteens have been selected to play in the first Club Rugby Trial game on the Club ground at 5.15 p.m. sharp on Wednesday next:

Whites: F. H. Thompson, P. E. Wilson, D. Hynes, H. F. Hopkins and H. Van Leeuwen; T. O. Morgan and Clemo; C. M. Stark, J. S. Dunnett, E. W. Stout, R. C. Gairdner, L. A. Benn, Didsbury, J. K. Birt and R. Leigh.

Stripes: Moore, R. M. Lavalle, M. G. Carruthers, G. G. Aitkenhead and D. B. Nelson; G. D. D. and C. G. Tressidder; R. G. Castleton, F. Burford, E. W. Hackett, S. Lees, J. Moodie, A. G. Dazle, W. Stoker and G. G. Davies.

Reserves: J. Hutchinson, R. E. Hensman, H. D. Bidwell, C. F. Needham, G. H. Godfrey, J. Roscoe, J. Thomson, D. J. Bosanquet, J. Redman, Oleson, Birch, McCormick, J. C. Charter, I. M. Macrae, D. H. Stewart and A. M. Kennedy.

Reserves are requested to be on the field stripped at the same hour as they will be called on to play during the trial.

As players will be interchanging during the game, will be turning out please bring with them a white and a coloured jersey. Newcomers and old-timers not included above and wishing to play should turn up as they are assured of a game.

After the trial a meeting will be held in the Clubhouse, roughly 7 p.m. for the purpose of selecting Club's vice-captain. Newcomers are Clemo, Didsbury, Moore, Lees, Davies, Oleson, Birch and McCormick.

Brilliant Success For Miss Guterres

Miss Lee Po-Luen Beaten For The First Time This Season

Vivienne Churn's Fine "Butterfly" Display

KWOK CHUN-HANG'S SPECTACULAR COMEBACK EFFORT

By "Adrem"

SWIMMING A WELL-JUDGED RACE, KWOK CHUN-HANG, FORMER COLONY BREAST-STROKE TITLE HOLDER, MADE A RETURN TO THE FRONT RANK WHEN HE WON THE 220 BREAST-STROKE INTERPORT TRIAL AT VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB YESTERDAY FROM FONG CHUNG-YIU, A FIRM FAVOURITE.

Other notable results were Miss Celeste Guterres' surprise win in the 50 yards back-stroke and another fine "butterfly" effort by Miss Vivienne Churn, the Colony champion. Miss Churn had the distinction — in a comparatively new field of activity — of lowering Miss Lee Po-luen's colours over a breast-stroke event for the first time this season.

Several of the candidates for steady pace throughout and refused to be hurried. on the 23, 24 and 25 of this month, failed to turn up and so the swimming yesterday was rather flat.

Lawrence ill

W. Lawrence, who was expected to start in the back-stroke event, is under doctor's advice to confine himself to his home, while B. S. Wilson, the European Y.M.C.A. star, who was conceded a good chance of securing a place in the same event, did not turn up until too late.

As already stated, it was Kwok's fine judgment and experience which gained him first place in the breast-stroke. Fong, followed closely by Ho Pun-kun, led for most of the way and as late as the last 20 yards, the first-named was still well in the lead, with Ho lying second.

Came a fine last-minute rally by the former champion, and both he and Fong appeared to touch at the same moment, the verdict finally going in favour of Kwok by the narrow margin of one-fifth of a second.

In the absence of Miss Lily Sadick, who was indisposed, Miss Tsang Fung-kwan, of Lai Tsun was favoured to win the ladies' back-stroke. She had not reckoned with Miss Celeste Guterres, however, who got away to a good start, was first at the turn, and got home by a good yard and a half, with Miss Tsang second and Miss Eileen Grant, who did quite well, third.

Easy Win

A. K. Rumjahn was much better than the other contestants in the 220 back-stroke and won by half the length of the bath. Rumjahn took the lead at about the fourth length to leave the rest of the field standing thereafter.

Lau Yiu-ting set a crackling pace for the first four lengths and was a long way out in front, but his lack of training — he has just been posted again to Central after spending over a month at Stanley — made itself evident and he faded out badly towards the end to concede second place to Poon Wing-kai, who maintained a

OFFICERS HOCKEY MATCH

In a friendly hockey match, the Officers of the Rajputana Rifles met the Officers of the rest of the military units at Shamshuipo yesterday and won by the odd goal in five after leading one-nil at half-time.

The Rajputana Rifles scored through Lt. Mukhtar Singh (2) and Lt. Sawal Khan shot. Lt. Chatter and Lt. Clague scored for Rest.

Practice Cancelled

The Hong Kong Hockey Club practice arranged for to-day has been cancelled.



MISS LEE PO-LUEN

Miss Lee Po-luen, although she was able to cope with one rival using the "butterfly" stroke, could not hold off the challenge of Miss Churn's clean, powerful strokes and met with her first defeat in a major event this season.

Miss Churn must now be considered the leading ladies' breast-stroke exponent, besides already having established herself as the best free-style swimmer. Her time of 37-3/5 seconds might have been even better had she not

fouled the ropes and missed her stroke whilst coming down the second length. As it was she won by nearly three yards — a remarkable feat considering Miss Lee's record.

Several members' handicap events interspersed the programme of Interport trials. The attendance was very poor and it is feared the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund did not benefit to any great extent.

ROYAL SCOTS' GALA

Royal Scots held a gala in the Army pool yesterday, featuring a knock-out water-polo tournament, which resulted in a win for Royal Scots "A" over Signals.

Water-polo Knock-out Tournament.—First Round.—Signals 3 (Bennett 2, Allen) beat H.M.S. Blank 2 (Robinson, Paul); Royal Scots A 5 (Millar 3, Hunter 2) beat Royal Air Force 0. Second Round, Signals 4 (Bennett 2, Bedford, Allen) beat Royal Scots B 0; Royal Scots A 1 (Millar) beat Middlesex 0. Final, Royal Scots A 2 (Millar, Hunter) beat Signals 0.

Invitation Relay.—1, Volunteers (A. A. da Roza, A. H. Azedo, Luiz M. Remedios, D. Hutchinson) 2.59; 2, Middlesex.

Women's Invitation Medley Relay.—1, V.R.C. A (Eileen Grant, Yvonne Yolle, Jackie Anderson), 2.56 3/5.

"REST" TEAM TO MEET CHINESE

Following have been chosen to represent "The Rest" against Combined Chinese in the charity football game on October 10 on Club ground at 4.30 p.m., in aid of the funds of B.F.R.D.C.

Moxham (Engineers)—Blackburn (Police) and Sheehan (Middlesex); Honeywell (Navy), Wilhamson (Kowloon), Wilkinson (Middlesex); B. Gosano (Kwong Wah), Howlett (Police), Fowler (Club), O'Regan (Navy) and Woods (Royal Scots). Manager—Mr. W. E. Hollands.

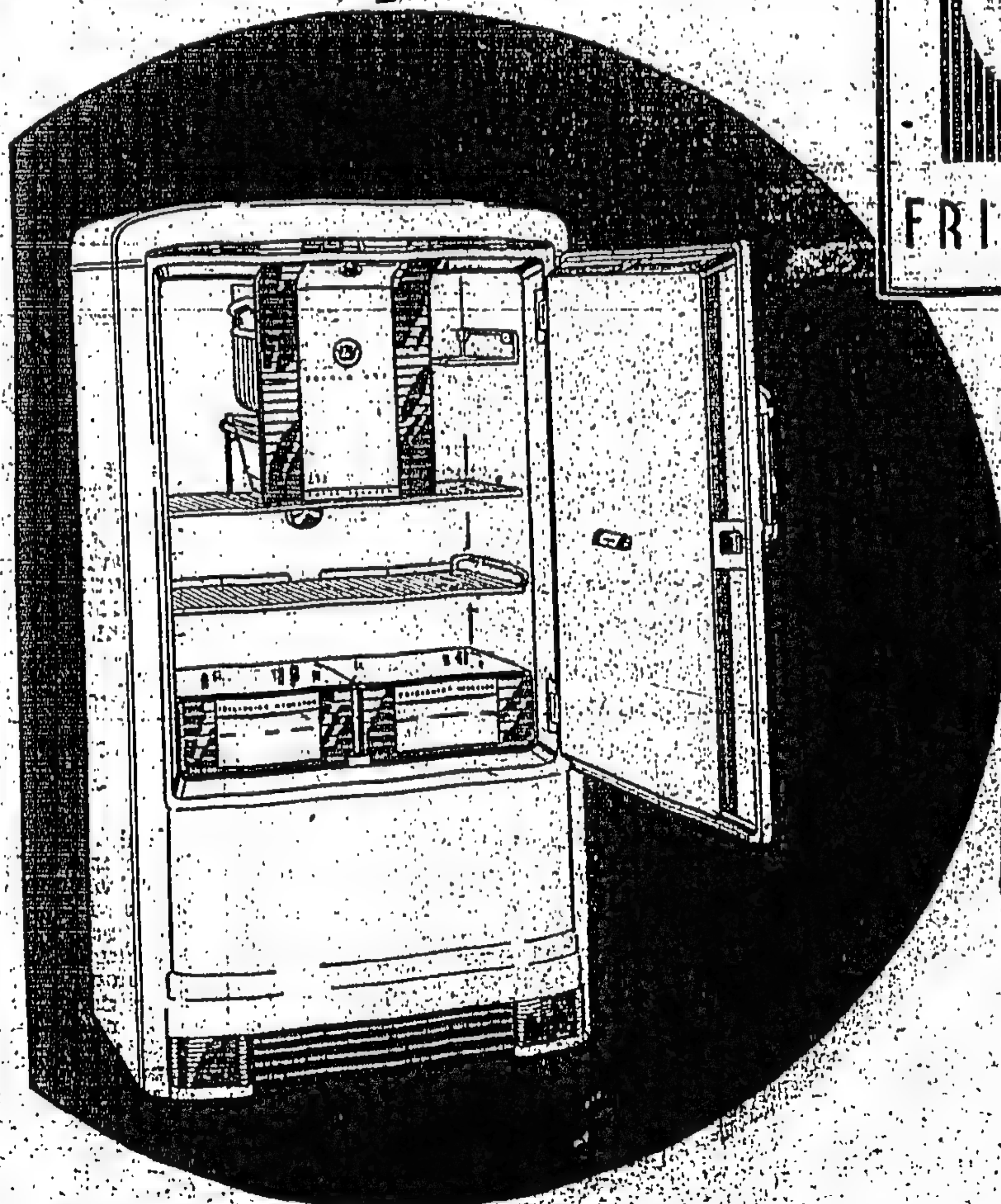
International Team

Following will represent International in Third Division against Engineers at Military ground on Saturday:—

S. Fox, D. Aquino, and Z. Gosano; W. Wilkinson, J. Gosano and A. A. Rumjahn; A. Remedios, H. Campos, R. Rocha, V. M. Marques and W. Sprinkle (Capt.).

Reserves—A. Rocha, J. Tavares, L. Rocha and I. Castillo.

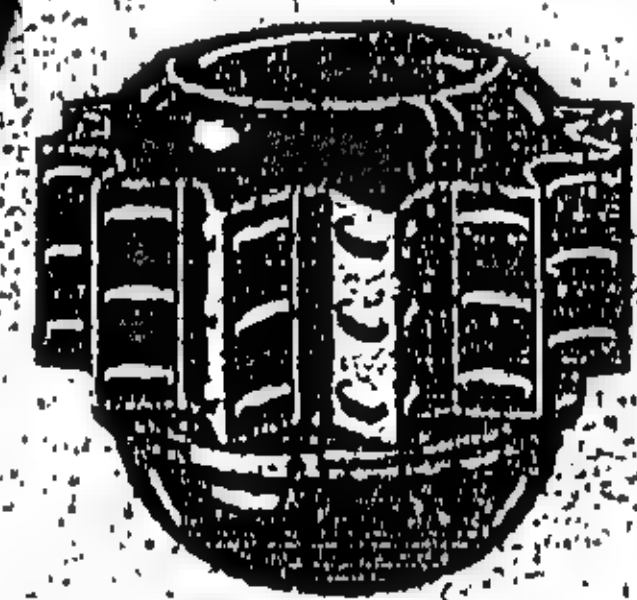
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MACHINE-GUN ATTACK ON EUSTON EXPRESS

Widespread Nazi Raids On Murky Autumn Day

"Night" Bombing In The Gloom

AN EXPRESS TRAIN FROM EUSTON TO NORTH OF ENGLAND WAS HEAVILY MACHINE-GUNNED BY GERMAN AIRMEN AND SEVERAL PASSENGERS WOUNDED WHEN PASSING THROUGH A SMALL MIDLAND TOWN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The train, which left Euston shortly after mid-day, was stopped a few miles after the attack had ceased, but as none of the wounded were in a serious condition, they were taken on to the next large town to receive hospital treatment.

THE DINING CAR OF THE EXPRESS WAS DAMAGED, BUT THE ATTEMPT OF THE GERMANS TO BOMB THE TRAIN IN ADDITION WAS UNSUCCESSFUL, THOUGH SOME HIGH EXPLOSIVES WENT QUITE CLOSE.

This was the most exciting incident in a day during which the German Air Force went "night" raiding over England in the first gloom of Britain's autumn.

It was one of those cloudy, murky days when artificial light is needed in large offices, and it produced a variety of methods by the Nazi airmen, which did not include raiding in mass formation. Single aircraft kept the defences of South-East England and the Home Counties on the qui vive most of the day, but, for the most part, they kept above murky clouds and carried

out random bombing in which some London boroughs suffered superficial damage.

Air Ministry Report

Anti-aircraft batteries were active and in the East London district where planes were reported overhead, for a short time every few minutes the barrage was as heavy as night gunfire.

An Air Ministry communique, reviewing the attacks on the basis of reports received up to 4 p.m., says that several houses were demolished in London boroughs, but it is not expected that the casualties will be heavy.

"Elsewhere, bombs were dropped at various points in the Thames Valley, Essex, Kent and Cornwall, but no serious damage and no fatal casualties

are reported from any of these districts.

"A number of casualties, including a few who were fatally injured, were caused in a city in the Midlands and another small Midlands town, where a number of houses were demolished, but little other damage is reported.

"A single enemy plane was shot down in an attack on a town in the Home Counties where a number of persons were killed and seriously injured by bombs and machine-gun bullets."

There were three alert warnings in the London area during the day, of which the last, in the afternoon, was the longest. — Reuter.

HAMBURG BEARS BRUNT OF R.A.F. ONSLAUGHT

A SPECIAL OBJECTIVE of R.A.F. bombers during their activities over the usual extensive areas of Germany and aerodromes and bases in Holland, Belgium and France last night was Hamburg.

A large oil factory and storage plant was subjected for nearly two hours to an intensive bombardment by relays of heavy bombers.

It was shortly after 10 p.m. when the first raider scored direct hits on the target and started four separate fires which spread and merged into one.

From then, target finding was easy for the continuous succession of bombers which unloaded high explosives in the centre of the target area.

Later, a second fire was started and, in the words of the Air Ministry news service, "both fires were still burning strongly sending great clouds of black smoke billowing across the River Elbe as the last of the attacking forces turned for home." — Reuter.

Two British aircraft did not return from the raids.

Ice On Wings

Bad weather over the greater part of the operations area, with a fully overcast sky and a cloud layer which extended from 6,000 feet to 1,500 feet over the Dutch and Belgian coasts, severely hindered the raiders who had also to contend with ice forming conditions at low levels.

In addition to the big raid on Hamburg, other night bombing forces concentrating on docks and harbours in Germany and enemy occupied territories raided Hamburg, Wilhelmshaven, Stettin, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Flushing and Ostend.

At Hamburg fires were started near shipbuilding yards and at Antwerp sticks of high explosive bombs were seen to burst across a quay wall and along one side of the dock basin.

Naval Yard Plastered

The naval dockyard at Wilhelmshaven was subjected to a series of attacks lasting many hours.

Another raiding force which penetrated deep into Germany's Baltic coast, attacked harbour works near Stettin.

Other raiders bombed the Krupp's armament factory at Essen, where a vivid explosion broke out after the bombing.

Attacks on aerodromes were widespread, a total of thirteen being bombed in the night operations. — British Wireless.

CHINESE LEAFLET RAID ON PEIPING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Reports received in Shanghai last night state that Chinese aircraft appeared over Peiping between 9.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. yesterday.

Thousands of pamphlets in the Chinese and Japanese languages were dropped. — Our Own Correspondent.

KILLED ON K.C.R.

When crossing the railway track near the 11-1/2-mile post, a Chinese was knocked down and killed by a locomotive from Kowloon at 6 p.m. yesterday.

NORWAY STUBBORN

The recently instituted Nazi "new order" in Norway has been given an icy reception by the general public, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency in London yesterday.

The agency cites an article in the Norwegian Nazi organ "Fritt Folk", threatening opponents of the movement.

The paper states there are reports that some terror is still going on, especially among business circles in Oslo.

It warns those concerned that assistance will be given to supporters of the Nazi Party. — Reuter.

R.A.F. OUT ON TOP

SPEAKING AT GLASGOW YESTERDAY, AIR VICE-MARSHAL R. E. SAUL, OF THE FIGHTER COMMAND, CLAIMED THAT MAN FOR MAN THE R.A.F. IS MUCH SUPERIOR TO THE GERMAN AIR FORCE.

He added that of the massed formations which came over the South Coast, once the R.A.F. picked off the leaders and disposed of them, the rest quit and scattered.

Individual aircraft got through because they could not hope to pick out every one of them in thick clouds. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

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THE COMMITTEE WILL DEAL WITH APPEALS AGAINST ORDERS FOR COMPULSORY EVACUATION OF BRITISH WOMEN.

Eight Chinese, including a policeman, were injured last night when a grenade was thrown into the offices of the "Sing Pao," pro-Wang Ching-wei newspaper, in the Shanghai International Settlement. Slight damage was done. The iron netting protecting the first floor, occupied by the composing department, broke in the explosion. Police cordoned off the block and searched houses in the area. — Reuter.

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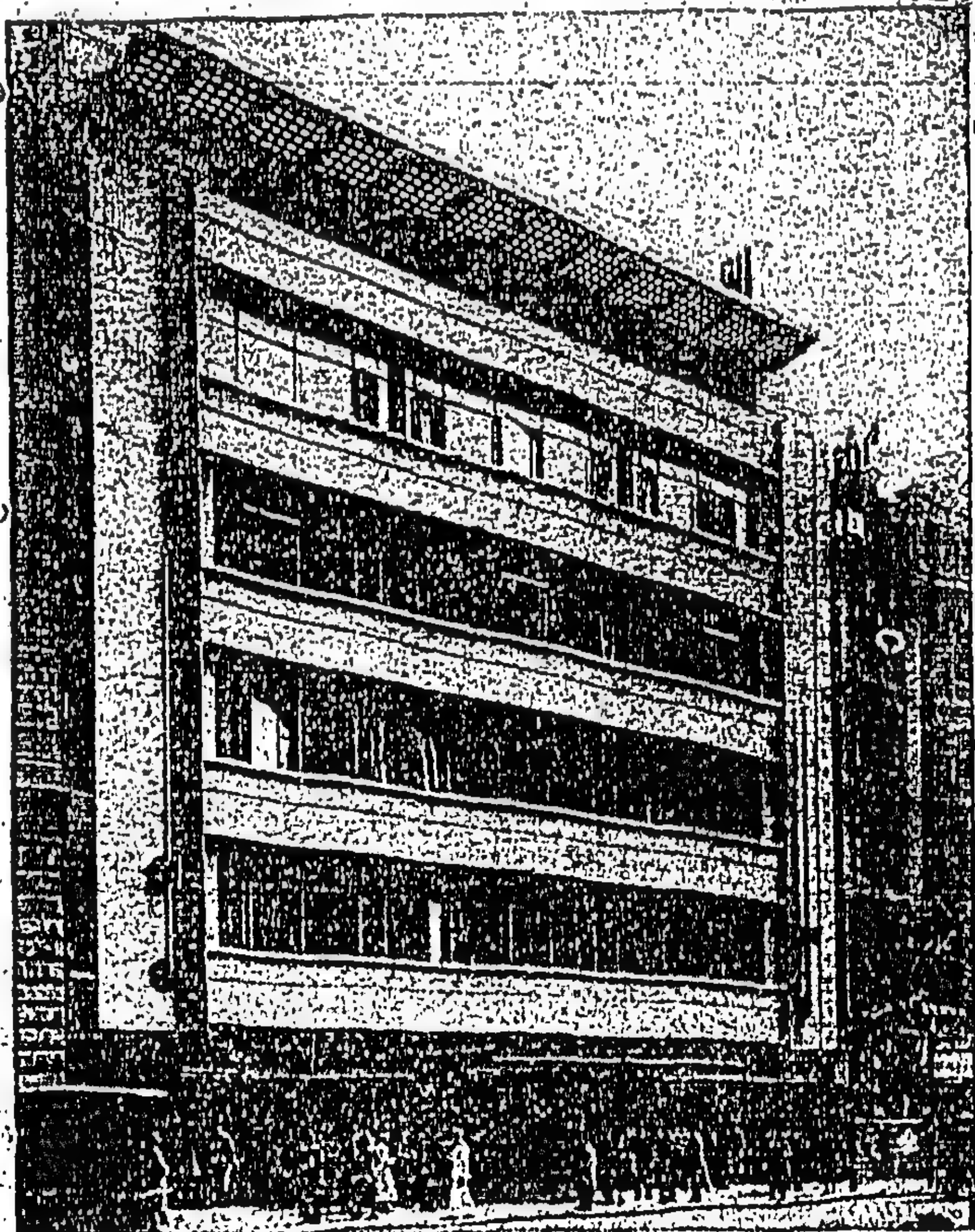
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No Danger

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Replying to numerous enquiries addressed to the Public Health (Continued on Page 16)

JAPANESE TROOPS ENTER HANOI

According to a despatch received in Canton to-day part of the Japanese troops from Haiphong entered the suburbs of Hanoi at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The Japanese report says the troops were welcomed by the French and natives.—Reuter.

THAILAND BID FOR U.S. LOAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Official circles in Vichy yesterday expressed the hope that any credits granted by the United States to Thailand will not be used for the purchase of armaments which might threaten Indo-China. The comment followed the announcement that a mission has left Thailand for America to negotiate a US\$10,000,000 loan.—Havas.

Alleged Move For Partition Of China

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SOVIET RUSSIA HAS REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH NAZI GERMANY FIXING THEIR RESPECTIVE ZONES OF INFLUENCE IN EUROPE, AND THERE IS NO REASON WHY RUSSIA SHOULD NOT AGREE ALSO WITH JAPAN ON THE SPECIFIC DELIMITATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS IN THE FAR EAST, DECLARED THE FRENCH NEWSPAPER "LE TEMPS" YESTERDAY, COMMENTING ON THE AXIS-JAPAN PACT.

The paper said the new alliance, contrary to the Anti-Comintern Pact, contained nothing which could cause anxiety to the Soviet. It must be expected that Germany will make every effort to facilitate an agreement between Russia and Japan.

The fact that Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister, has left for Moscow to confer with M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Commissar, is interesting in this connection, the paper declares, though there is no authoritative confirmation of his arrival in Moscow.

It should be noted that before the tri-partite agreement had been officially concluded, it was announced that parleys had already started between Moscow and Tokyo with a view to conclusion of a non-aggression pact.

Such a pact would result in the three signatories of the recent alliance adopting an identical policy towards Russia.

of good relations would not exclude the possibility of a rapprochement with Japan, provided, as M. Molotov stated in August, there was good will on both sides.—Reuter.

BITTER SHANSI FIGHTING

It was stated in Chungking yesterday that in south Shansi the Japanese forces are bitterly contesting control of the Taihang, Chungtian and Chungtu mountains, on the north bank of the Yellow River, because whoever controls the mountains will dominate traffic on the river.—Reuter.

"Alliance Logical"

"Le Temps" says such an alliance between Moscow and Tokyo would be logical in view of the policy aiming at the creation of a new order in Europe and Asia and would give Japan the same freedom of action in the Far East as Germany obtained in Europe, while Russia's gain would be the safety of her position in the Far East.

Nothing leads to the belief that Russia will in any way modify her present attitude in the Italo-German conflict against Britain, concludes "Le Temps".—Havas.

***The report and commentary is that of the French journal, "Le Temps," but the close resemblance to a situation which would delight Berlin may not be altogether a coincidence.

SOVIET DENIAL WITH A QUALIFICATION

The Soviets have not announced their willingness to enter into a non-aggression pact with Japan on condition that China is split up into spheres of interest.

This was the categorical statement elicited by Reuter in Moscow in reply to an enquiry regarding the report circulating earlier. The official statement added, however, that the Soviet policy

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A.A. GUNS FOR TOKYO

A campaign launched by the "Asahi" for the purchase of anti-aircraft guns for Tokyo's defence netted 35,000 yen, says the "Japan Times" to-day. Added to previous campaigns, total contributions now amount to 423,000 yen.—Havas.

ASTOUNDING ASSORTMENT OF FORGED NOTES

COUNTERFEIT banknotes, representing thousands of dollars were discovered on the third floor of No. 5, Canal Road East by the Police on Wednesday.

Claiming to be a former Chinese government official, Ip Fook, 59, and his concubine, Lam King, were charged with possession of the forged notes before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning. Accused were represented by Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau and were remanded for 72 hours. Accused were alleged to have been in possession of:
350 forged \$10-banknotes of the Chartered Bank of India;
274 forged five yuan notes of the Central Bank of China;
75 forged \$5 notes of the Canton Municipal Bank;
150 forged \$5 notes of the Kwangtung Provincial Bank;
119 forged \$5 notes of Government of Straits Settlements;
799 forged \$10 notes of the

Central Bank of China;
10 forged 10 peso notes of the Republica Mexicana;
two forged U.S.A. \$20 notes;
one Banco Americano Guatemala 1 peso note;
139 forged 5-plastre notes of the Banque de l'Indo Chine;
one forged one plastre note of the Banque de l'Indo Chine;
41 forged five-tical notes of Thailand;
69 forged 25-guilder notes of Javasche Bank; and
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JAPAN'S LAST STEP IN PROVOCATION

"Times" Warning On New Situation

"THE TIMES" IN A LEADING ARTICLE YESTERDAY, DISCUSSING THE CASE OF JAPAN IN RELATION TO THE NEW TRI-PARTITE PACT, SAYS THAT WHILE THE MOTIVES OF NAZI DIPLOMACY ARE TRANSPARENT, REFLECTION HAS DONE LITTLE TO ELUCIDATE THE QUESTION OF WHAT JAPAN CAN HAVE HOPED TO GAIN FROM CLOSER ASSOCIATION WITH THE AXIS.

Japanese statesmen have no doubt found it plausible to argue that if Germany defeated Britain and immobilised the United States by the threat of intervention in the Americas, Japan would remain undisputed mistress of the Pacific.

The familiar process of wishful thinking may have made it possible for them to believe that Germany had it in her power to achieve those results.

But, granted these assumptions, Japan was already drawing every advantage open to her from the state of war in Europe.

Germany was already making and was bound to make, a supreme effort to crush Britain and neutralise America.

She cannot do more than she is doing, even to please Japan. There is nothing, in fact, to increase her capacity or to enable her to intensify her military effort.

Taking The Plunge

Japan has plunged upon a course fraught with incalculable consequences to herself, for the advantages, even on the shortest views, appear negligible.

Like Germany in Europe, Japan could, if she had chosen the path of peaceful cooperation and partnership, have played a predominant and respected role in the economic development of China.

Like Germany, Japanese lacked the necessary self-confidence and self-restraint for this task and plunged recklessly down the path of ruthlessness and domination.

Deliberate Provocation

The many attempts made both by Great Britain and the United States to retrieve past errors and reach a sympathetic understanding with Japanese needs were

treated as a sign of weakness and used as the starting point for fresh aggression.

After stating that Japan's progress in the last three years has been accompanied by deliberate provocation towards the Western Powers, "The Times" adds the pact now concluded with the Axis marks a further step and almost the last step on this path.

It must now be regretfully admitted that the caution characteristic of Japanese foreign policy in the past has been abandoned.

Future Mortgaged

The country where the pact has been received with the most unreserved satisfaction is China, whose far-seeing rulers believe that Japan, by deliberately courting the hostility of Great Britain, the British Dominions and the United States, has fatally mortgaged her future and involved herself in the consequences of Germany's coming defeat.—Reuter.

IN MEMORY OF AN "OLD BOY"

Among yesterday's gifts towards aircraft is one of £4-8-6d. from a south Oxford council school in memory of an old boy, airmen who had been killed in action.—British Wireless.

KILLED ON K.C.R.

When crossing the railway track near the 11-1/2-mile post, a Chinese was knocked down and killed by a locomotive from Kowloon at 6 p.m. yesterday.

BRITISH DEPOT FOR DERELICTS: NAZI 'PLANE JUNK-HEAP'

GERMAN 'PLANES brought down in Britain range from total wrecks to machines practically undamaged in forced landings, and an examination of them shows every phase of German aircraft development.

In one depot in south-east England, smashed-up 'planes are piled up nearly as high as a house.

Near them are fighters and bombers in perfect condition. Every device, every part, every inch of these machines has been examined by experts, who have taken them up into the air and know the exact performance of the Messerschmidt, Dornier, Heinkel and Junkers.

Generally speaking, German machines brought down so far are made of good material and well finished. They have certain weaknesses, but British experts are naturally not going to give the Germans a broad hint for remedies.

Petrol and oil is standard, but some of the 'planes have gadgets to enable substitutes to be used. One machine, for instance, has a special tank of high-standard fuel for the take-off. Once in the air, the pilot can switch over to a lower grade of fuel.

Self-sealing tanks of fibre, rubber and leather are used, in which bullet-holes rapidly close up.

The knowledge gained from the examination of these machines is of immense value and help to our pilots, who know just what to expect in battle.

No doubt, the Germans are seeking for new types, but some of these, too, will crash and lay bare their secrets.—Reuter.

EIRE BOMBED IN "ERROR"

The German Government will express its regret to the Eire Government for having "erroneously" dropped bombs on Irish territory and will offer to pay compensation, according to the official Nazi news agency yesterday.

The agency stated investigation had shown the bombs really were launched from an aircraft which, however, had lost its way!

SHANGHAI BOMB

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A hand-grenade was thrown into premises housing Wang Ching-wel's latest journal, "Ping Pao," at 10 o'clock last night.

Four of the employees, a watchman and two pedestrians were wounded.—Our Own Correspondent.

ANOTHER BRITON KIDNAPPED IN RUMANIA

Another British subject has been kidnapped in Rumania, it was stated in Bucharest yesterday.

Percy Clark, 60-year-old head of a British engineering firm at Ploesti, was taken from his room in a Bucharest hotel by three youths in civilian clothes who forced him to accompany them to an unknown destination.—Reuter.

PURCHASE TAX DATE ANNOUNCED

The Purchase Tax comes into operation in Britain on October 21; the Treasury have made an Order to this effect which will be submitted to Parliament for approval in accordance with the terms of the Finance Act.

All taxable goods which are delivered under chargeable purchases after that date will be subject to tax.

The Purchase Tax, which was the surprise of the second War Budget in April is a tax on sales.

It will be charged by wholesalers to retailers and will mean that every-day articles such as household goods, clothes and drapery will cost more, but the heaviest scale of the tax will be borne by luxuries.

Its purpose is to limit home expenditure with a view to avoiding the risk of inflation. It will be worked on a percentage basis.—Reuter.

SYRIA FOOD SHORTAGE

A BEYROUT MESSAGE REPORTS A SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF FOOD IN SYRIA.

All over the country, people are queuing up for bread, flour and other rations.

There is a petrol shortage, too; and private cars have been ordered off the roads during the month of October.

Taxis have had their allowance cut down to 24 gallons a month.—Reuter.

BELGIUM'S LEADERS ON FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE

TWO BELGIAN Ministers broadcast on the B.B.C. Continental wavelength to the Belgian people last evening: They were M. Gutt, the Finance Minister, who spoke in French and M. de Vleeschauwer, who broadcast in Flemish.

Stating they were speaking on a free radio from a free country the Belgian Ministers said that M. Pierlot, Belgian Prime Minister, speaking in France on July 21; had defined the position but although this definition was of utmost importance to all Belgian people the French Government refused to allow either the broadcast or communication to the press.

It was inevitable, the Ministers continued, that after four months separation they and the Belgian people would not think alike on all points but there were certain principles which were embodied in the programme of the Belgian Government on which all would agree.

Giving this programme the Ministers said: "Belgium is occupied by German armies and the King is a prisoner. We are the only legal Belgian Government and the only Ministers appointed by the King."

"We want a free Belgium and a free King. We want them completely and entirely free as before August 4, 1914, as before May 10, 1940. To achieve this aim we will fight side by side with Britain till final victory."

Belgium At War

On May 10, 1940, Belgium, unjustifiably attacked took arms and appealed to her guarantor. Since that date Belgium has not concluded any armistice convention, even less signed a peace treaty. Legally and effectively she is at war with Germany who in Belgium territory is in fact applying war measures.

The Ministers said they were speaking from England where they were "welcomed as brothers, where hearts beat in unison with ours, where our soldiers are already mounting guard, where our darling airmen have volunteered to dispute their share of glory in the victorious battle of the skies with all the champions of freedom and liberty."

England's Spirit

There were speaking "from the centre of London, that some of you may think a heap of ruins."

The Ministers recounted how they walked through wide thoroughfares perhaps a little deafened by the noise of A.A. fire but without encountering any obstacles and without feeling they ran any risk and describing conditions in England, said: "It is an atmosphere of intense industry, unflinching resolution and reasoned confidence. The trial is severe. It is the same as 25 years ago for Britain as for Belgium, and for both countries the stake is also the same—the independence to be preserved by one is to be restored by the other."—British Wireless.



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The report says British naval forces carried out a sweep in the eastern and central Mediterranean from September 29 to October 2 in the course of which additional military forces were landed at Malta.

During this period a strong enemy naval force was sighted by our reconnaissance aircraft. This enemy force was then 100 miles away from our fleet and already steaming towards its base, and it was, therefore, not possible to bring the enemy to action.

Our fleet was attacked by enemy aircraft on three occasions during these operations. No damage was sustained by our ships in any of these attacks but losses were inflicted on the enemy.

On the morning of September 29 an enemy aircraft was located shadowing our fleet and it was shot down by fighter aircraft which later in the day shot down a second enemy shadowing aircraft.

Heavy Attacks

Soon afterwards heavy attacks developed in the course of which one enemy aircraft was shot down by A.A. fire.

A fourth enemy aircraft was shot down by Fleet Air Arm fighters on October 1. — Reuter.

HAIPHONG INDEMNITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is reported in Shanghai last night that the Japanese have agreed to pay indemnity in connection with the bombing of Haiphong.

The agreement, it is said, provides payment of 10,000 piastres for each house demolished; 300 piastres for every person killed; and 30 piastres for each person wounded. — Our Own Correspondent.

CONGRATULATIONS TO "PRINCE ROBERT"

The following cable has been received by the Canadian Government from the First Lord of the Admiralty: "Please convey congratulations to all concerned on the capture of the German ship Weser. This early success for H. M. Canadian ship Prince Robert on her maiden voyage is, I am sure, a good augury for the future." — Reuter.

NAWAB OF BHOPAL GIVES A FLIGHT

Contributions from Spitfire Funds continue to flow in as keenly as ever. Among the latest contributions announced in London yesterday is £54,000 from the Nawab of Bhopal, being equivalent to the cost of a whole flight of Spitfires. — Reuter.

SOVIET-FINNISH TREATY

The Soviet and Finland have signed a treaty concerning the demilitarisation and neutrality of the Åland Islands on the lines of the 1921 Convention. It was announced in Helsinki yesterday. Negotiations concerning the islands were concluded some days ago. — Reuter.



Czech troops stationed "somewhere in England" are now being issued with British battle dress. This picture gives a good comparison between the French uniform with which they arrived and the latest issue of the battle dress. (Copyright, Fox).

Heinkel Thought He Was Alone

Describing recent air duels over the North Sea the Air Ministry news service says a Heinkel 115 plane dived out of dense cloud over the North Sea and dropped two bombs towards a convoy. Both bombs missed.

Believing he had the sky to himself the German pilot made ready for a second attack but a fighter of the Coastal Command escorting the convoy swooped through a cloud bank and with two machine-gun bursts set the enemy afire. The tanks of the Heinkel blew up, drenching the nose of the Blenheim with oil. Near sea level the plane broke into pieces.

Because the windows of the British fighter were so thickly coated with the enemy's oil the pilot and navigator had a difficult journey back but made a safe landing.

Another incident occurred when while on night patrol off the East Anglian coast a Hudson of the Coastal Command intercepted two Heinkel bombers. The Hudson singled out one Heinkel for attack manoeuvring so that both the front and rear guns could be used alternately. The German was destroyed. The other Heinkel fired a short but ineffective burst at long range and then made off. — British Wireless.

AMERICAN TANKS FOR BRITAIN

Two dozen American tanks, first instalment of 200 over-age tanks being supplied to Britain, crossed the border into Canada yesterday. — Reuter.

JAPANESE FORCES AT CAOPANG

The Chinese military spokesman confirmed at a press conference in Chungking yesterday the report that Japanese forces in northern Indo-China have reached Caopang, strategic highway city, and declared that the purpose of the Japanese occupation of Caopang was obscure.

While the possibility that the Japanese are using Caopang as a base for an advance into Kwangsi or Yunnan along the highway from there was not ruled out, the spokesman expressed the opinion that Japanese activities at the town were probably more connected with the situation in the French colony.

The Japanese forces at Caopang, the spokesman added, comprised one regiment, probably for the purpose of protecting the flank of the forces at present at Langson, fearing a possible Chinese attack from the north. — Reuter.

INTERNMENT DEMANDED

REUTER LEARNED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT TWO ITALIAN BOMBERS DAMAGED BY GUNFIRE DURING A RAID ON HAIFA RECENTLY LANDED IN SYRIA WITH A GERMAN PILOT AND FOUR ITALIAN CREW.

The British consul-general at Beirut sent a note on the subject to the French High Commissioner in Syria as it is the duty of the French authorities to intern both plane and crew. — Reuter.

WORKING WITH THE STREAM

Messages from Spanish sources in Berlin continue to stress the belief that Spain will take no active part in the war and for that reason, says one correspondent, some Central American countries which are requesting President Roosevelt to intervene with General Franco and keep Spain out of the war, are merely working with the current, as General Franco is keeping out of his own free will. — Reuter.

SPANISH LINER'S MAIDEN TRIP

The newly acquired Spanish liner Cabo de Hornos is sailing from Vigo on its first voyage to South America under the Spanish flag to-day. Passengers include the Marques de Magaz, new Spanish Ambassador to the Argentine, who formerly represented Spain in Berlin. — Reuter.

CHANDRA BOSE CHARGED

A CHARGE UNDER THE DEFENCE OF INDIA REGULATIONS WAS PROMULGATED IN CALCUTTA YESTERDAY AGAINST SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE, WELL-KNOWN CONGRESS LEFTIST LEADER, ACCORDING TO DELHI RADIO. Bose was arrested in Calcutta in July under the Defence of India Regulations.

He is one of the most prominent of the younger generation of Indian politicians and as ex-President of Congress is ex officio a member of the Congress Working Committee. — Reuter.

CHUNGKING PROTEST

The Chungking Ministry of Foreign Affairs has lodged protests with the British, French and Italian Embassies over the transfer of the Chinese telephone service in Tientsin to the Japanese-sponsored Tientsin Municipal Government.

The Ministry brands the action as illegal, violating treaty obligations, impairing Chinese rights and interests, and betraying the Chinese trust.

Declaring that the transfer has no legal effect whatsoever, the Ministry reserves all rights regarding it. — Central News.

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HAMBURG BEARS THE BRUNT OF R.A.F. ONSLAUGHT

A SPECIAL OBJECTIVE of R.A.F. bombers during their activities over the usual extensive areas of Germany and aerodromes and bases in Holland, Belgium and France last night was Hamburg.

A large oil factory and storage plant was subjected for nearly two hours to an intensive bombardment by relays of heavy bombers.

It was shortly after 10 p.m. when the first raider scored direct hits on the target and started four separate fires which spread and merged into one.

From then, target finding was easy for the continuous succession of bombers which unloaded high explosives in the centre of the target area.

Later, a second fire was started and, in the words of the Air Ministry news service, "both fires were still burning, strongly sending great clouds of black smoke billowing across the River Elbe as the last of the attacking forces turned for home." — Reuter.

Two British aircraft did not return from the raids.

Ice On Wings

Bad weather over the greater part of the operations area, with a fully overcast sky and a cloud layer which extended from 6,000 feet to 1,500 feet over the Dutch and Belgian coasts, severely hindered the raiders who had also to contend with ice forming conditions at low levels.

In addition to the big raid on Hamburg, other night bombing forces concentrating on docks and harbours in Germany and enemy occupied territories raided Hamburg, Wilhelmshaven, Stettin, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Flushing and Ostend.

At Hamburg fires were started near shipbuilding yards and at Antwerp sticks of high explosive bombs were seen to burst across a quay wall and along one side of the dock basin.

Naval Yard Plastered

The naval dockyard at Wilhelmshaven was subjected to a series of attacks lasting many hours.

Another raiding force which penetrated deep into Germany's Baltic coast attacked harbour works near Stettin.

Other raiders bombed the Krupp's armament factory at Essen, where a vivid explosion broke out after the bombing.

Attacks on aerodromes were widespread, a total of thirteen being bombed in the night's operations. — British Wireless.

BOOTLEG TRAFFIC IN FOOD!

A sharp halt is to be called to "bootlegging" transactions in foodstuffs by a law published in Madrid yesterday.

Spain's extremely difficult food problem has been greatly worsened by many producers, not selling through Government channels and a widespread bootleg traffic has sprung up which is said to be sabotaging the Government scheme of rationing and price control.

Bootleggers find a ready sale for sugar at 3/4 per lb., lentils and rice at 1/8d a lb., olive oil at 7/4 a litre and for many other commodities.

The law now published provides fines from 1,000 to 500,000 pesetas. In addition a sentence of a year in a penal labour battalion may be imposed and the penalties apply to both buyers and sellers.

People denouncing guilty parties will receive 40 per cent of the fine, while those buying solely to denounce offenders will themselves be exempt from punishment. — Reuter.

CHINESE LEAFLET RAID ON PEIPING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Reports received in Shanghai last night state that Chinese aircraft appeared over Peiping between 9.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. yesterday.

Thousands of pamphlets in the Chinese and Japanese languages were dropped. — Our Own Correspondent.

FRENCH TRAMWAY MAN KIDNAPPED

Lu Ho-shang, inspector of the French Tramway Company in Shanghai, was kidnapped early yesterday morning. Five men visited his house in Avenue Joffre and took him away. Lu is said to have opposed the strike. — Central News.

H.M.S. SAPHO SUNK BY A MINE

The Board of Admiralty announced yesterday that H.M. yacht Sapho (Commander Wreland,

R.N.R.) has been sunk, probably by an enemy mine. Next of kin of casualties have been informed. — Reuter.

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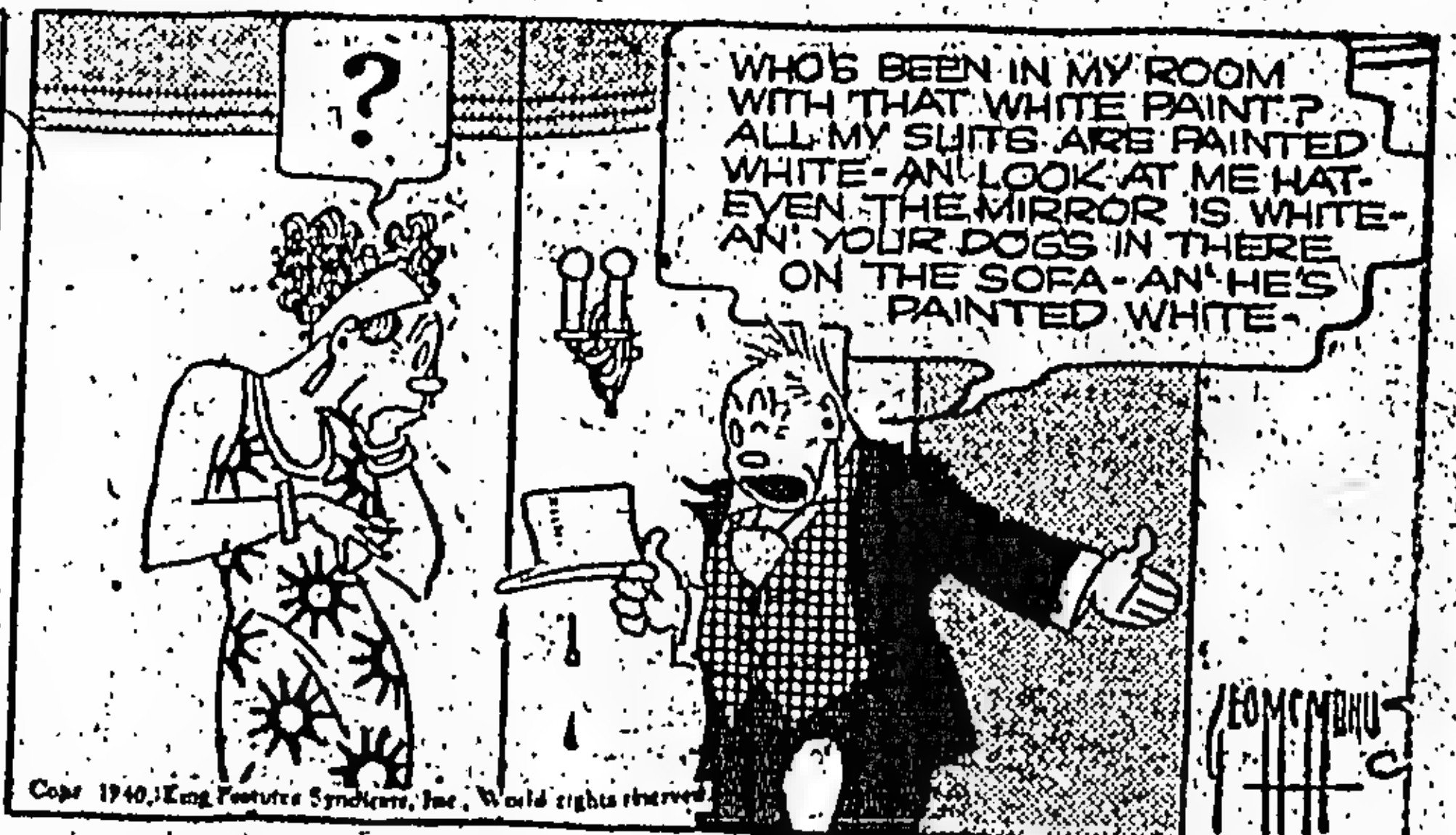
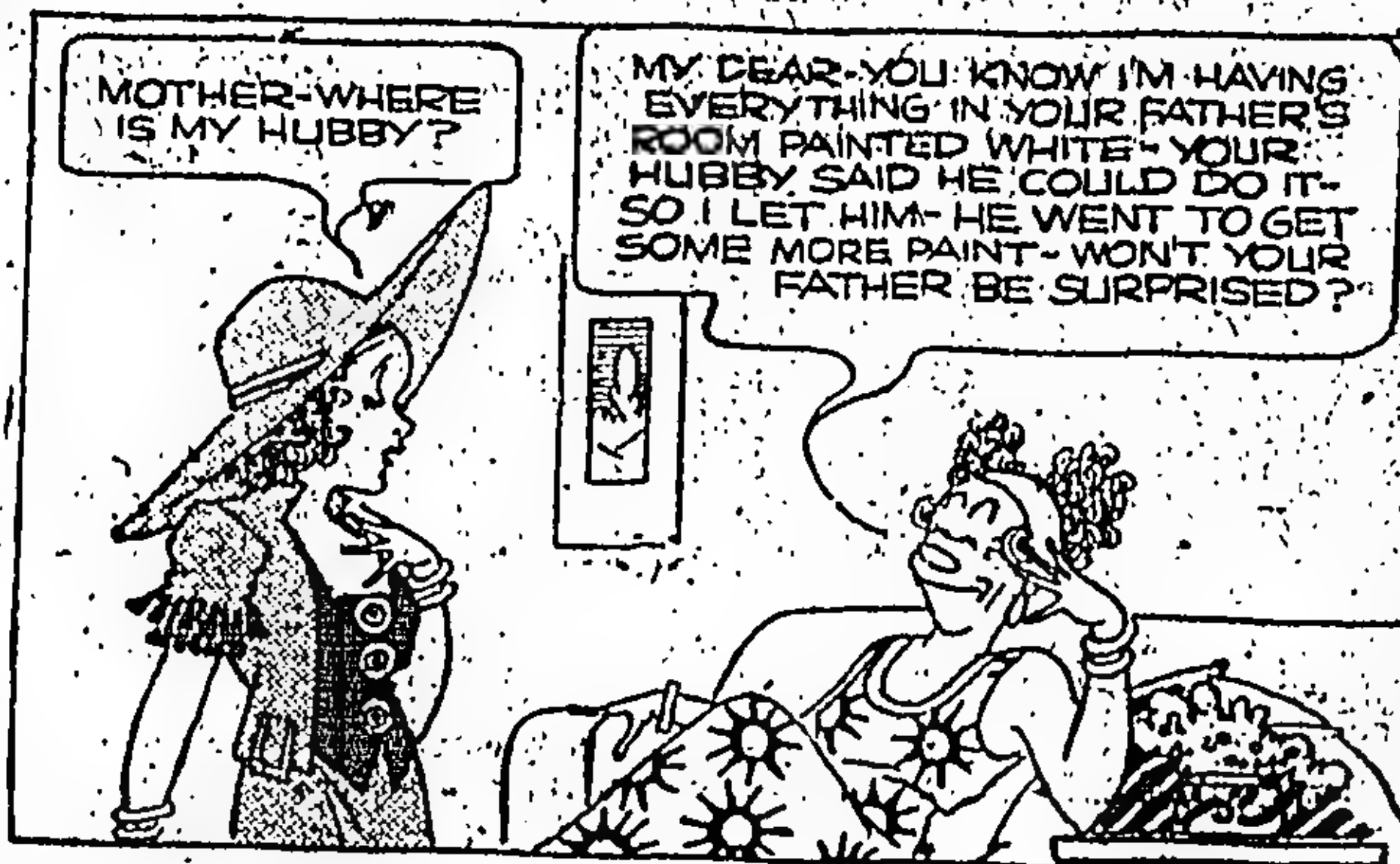
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EGYPT'S TREASURES

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This cave, incidentally, was used by the ancient Egyptians as

BOMBS IN SWEDEN

THE SWEDISH RADIO YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THAT DURING THE NIGHT FOREIGN PLANES DROPPED BOMBS NEAR MALMOE.

The bombs did some damage but no one was injured.

The Swedish Government is asking the Riksdag for another £2,000,000 for defence purposes.

—Reuter.

a safe storage place in time of war.—Reuter.

RETORT TO GERMAN PROPAGANDA

German propagandists are spreading reports throughout occupied countries that the London food distribution machinery has broken down.

Purpose of these reports is somewhat obscure unless it is an endeavour to discount the Nazis' own inability or refusal to carry out equitable food distribution for populations for which they are responsible.

In fact, there is no shortage of most food and none of essentials in London shops.

So true is this that those persons whose ordinary shops at which they registered have been bombed by the Nazis have been given "rover coupons" entitling them to draw on supplies in any other shop.

That supplies are fully equal to demands and also the meat ration has recently been increased show there is no difficulty about food distribution in London which is the main target of Nazi terrorism. Food centres dealing with victims of the indiscriminate Nazi bombing have not so far found it necessary to collect ration coupons from people they serve, so adequate are food supplies.—British Wireless.

NORWAY STUBBORN

The recently instituted Nazi "new order" in Norway has been given an icy reception by the general public, according to the Norwegian telegraph agency in London yesterday.

The agency cites an article in the Norwegian Nazi organ "Fritt Folk" threatening opponents of the movement.

The paper states there are reports that some terror is still going on, especially among business circles in Oslo. It warns those concerned that assistance will be given to supporters of the Nazi Party.—Reuter.

DUKE OF KENT TOURS FIRE STATIONS

The Duke of Kent yesterday visited a number of London Fire Brigade centres. During the tour there was an air raid warning and heavy gunfire could be heard. He went to London Fire Brigade headquarters and the other centres visited were in south and east London.—British Wireless.

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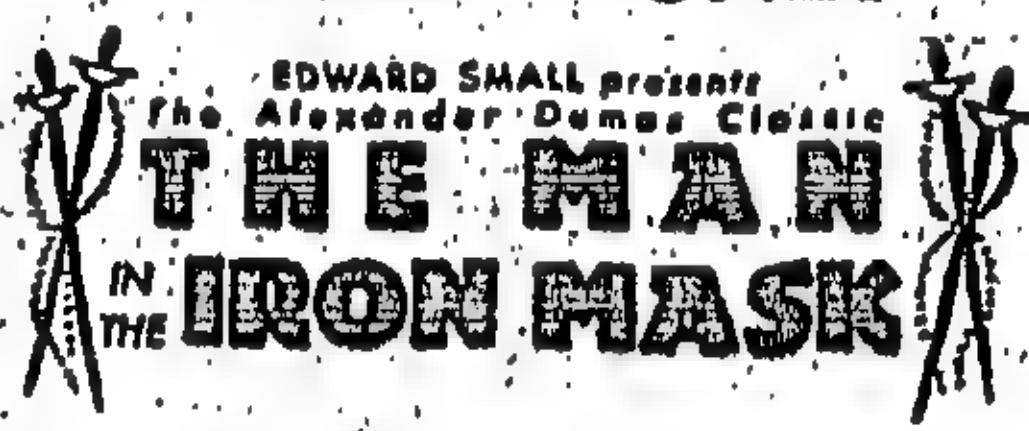
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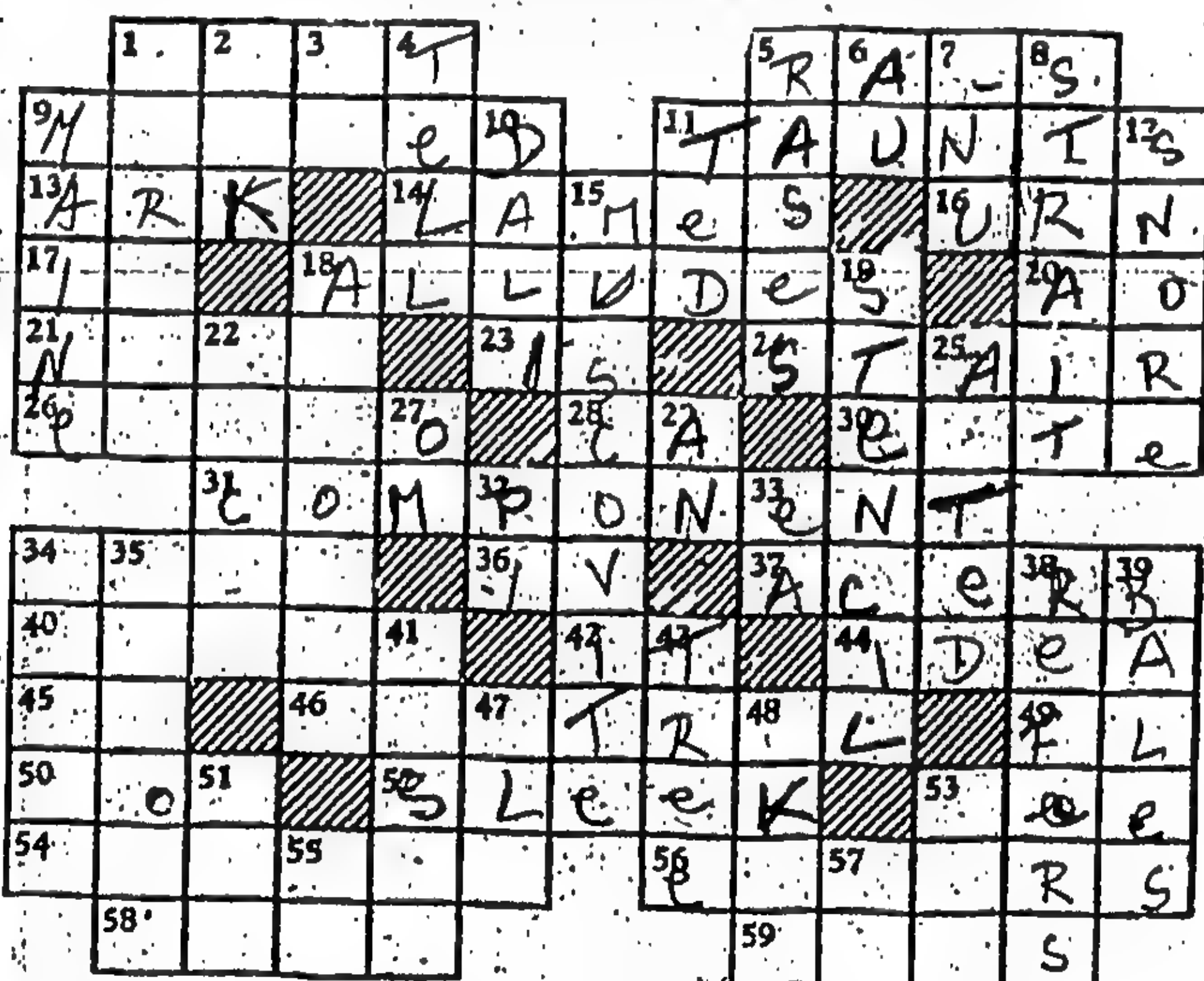
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- 20 Indo-Chinese language
- 21 Tropical tree
- 22 Exists
- 24 Step
- 26 Texas cottonwood
- 28 Symbol for calcium
- 30 Heraldic device
- 31 Constituent part
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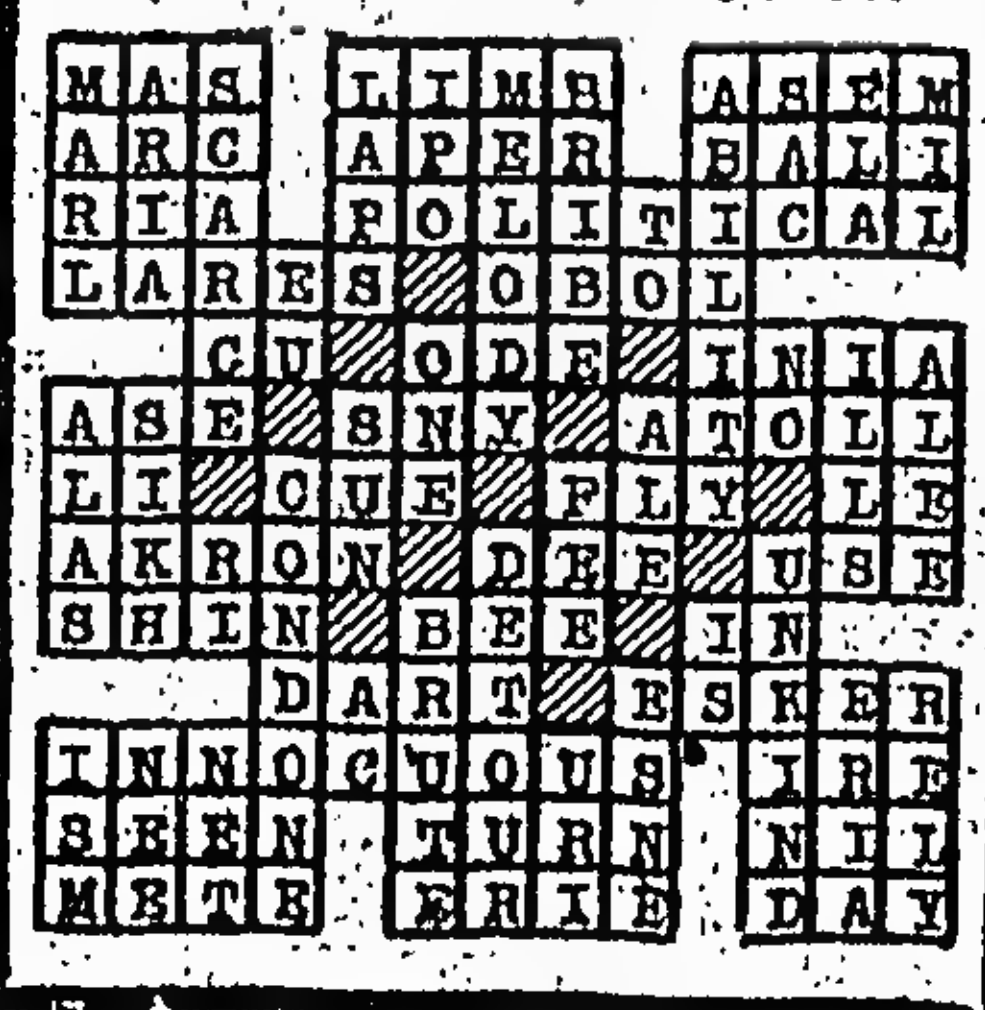
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- 7 Symbol for gold
- 8 South-African antelope
- 9 Narrow pass

VERTICAL

- 10 City in Florida
- 11 Tree of Guiana
- 12 To spread for drying
- 13 To breathe noisily
- 15 Russian
- 18 Colourless gas
- 19 Sheet in which a pattern is cut
- 22 Fastened
- 25 Put up a stake
- 27 Sacred Hindu word
- 29 Article
- 32 Mixed type
- 33 Babylonian deity
- 34 Mohammedan prince
- 35 Pivoted
- 36 To have reference
- 39 Dips out
- 41 Becomes weakened by inaction
- 43 Woody plant
- 47 Pronoun
- 48 Janon's ship
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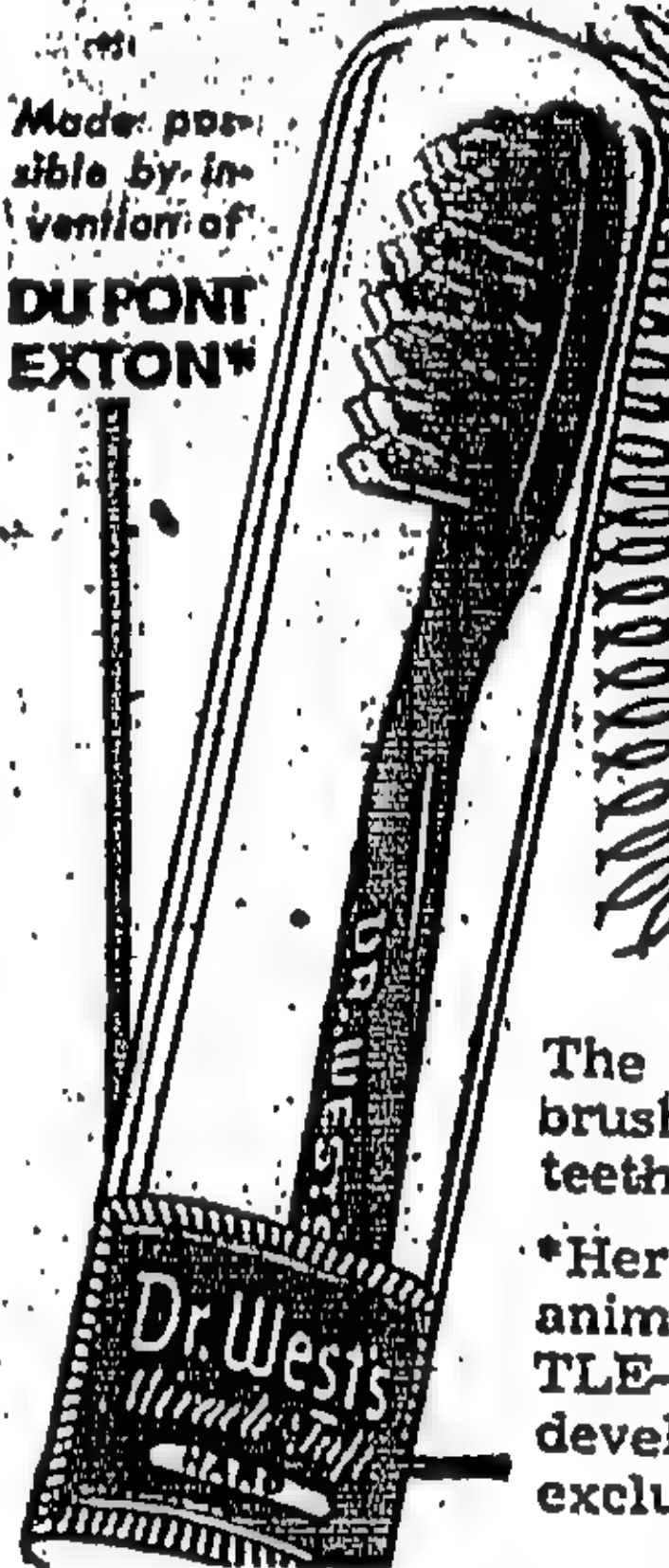
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IL DUCE AND HITLER GOING INTO HUDDLE ON EGYPT

ACCORDING TO REPORTS REACHING NEW YORK YESTERDAY HITLER AND MUSSOLINI WILL MEET FOR AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE TO-DAY.

Recent political and diplomatic developments have diverted Hitler's attention to the military situation in the Middle East which seems likely shortly to become an almost decisive factor in the war, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

It is because Marshal Graziani realises the importance of the stakes where Italy is concerned that he is proceeding so slowly methodically and skilfully.

His task is one of great difficulty since he has not only the question of transport across the desert, water supply and feeding men and guns, but his sea communications with Italy are constantly menaced by the British Fleet.

Geographical conditions make deployment of his forces practically impossible and his long line of communications to the rear is exposed to air and naval attacks.

It is suggested the Germans may send large numbers of Stuka dive bombers but the question of supply enters here also, while it is pointed out that Hurricanes and Spitfires have dealt successfully with the menace of dive bombers in other fields, like Dunkirk.

The Longer The Tougher

Another point in Britain's favour is that Italian difficulties will increase with the advance while Britain's strength will grow. Hence Marshal Graziani's caution.

His defeat would be more than a disaster; it would be fatal. Not only would it mean the end of Abyssinia which, cut off from help, would quickly disintegrate, not only would the situation in Tunis be gravely compromised, but it is doubtful whether the Italian people, already lukewarm about the war and dissatisfied by privations, would stand for such a setback.

BECAUSE OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED THERE IS SOME SUGGESTION THAT THE AXIS MAY TRY TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONS IN LIBYA IN COLD STORAGE, WHILE THEY SEEK ANOTHER LINE OF APPROACH VIA THE BALKANS AND SYRIA.

The difficulties which beset such a scheme are many and obvious.

An Italian defeat in Libya would probably produce devastating reactions in the Balkans and possibly even further north.

Combined Campaign?

Mussolini is apparently en route to meet Hitler, while Count Ciano, his Foreign Minister, has also left Rome for an undisclosed destination.

Reports of the forthcoming meeting have aroused considerable speculation.

One suggestion is that a combined winter campaign in Africa might be the chief subject under consideration.—Reuter.

"Nothing To Report"

A communique issued by British G. H. Q. in Cairo yesterday states: "Nothing of importance to report."—British Wire-less.

HEAVY DAMAGE IN LE HAVRE RAIDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An admission that R.A.F. raids on Le Havre had created serious damage was made yesterday by the French Minister of Communications, M. Henri Berthelot. He claimed that over 100 civilians had been killed and 200 wounded in raids during the past eight days.—Havas.

R.A.F. OUT ON TOP

SPEAKING AT GLASGOW YESTERDAY, AIR VICE-MARSHAL R. E. SAUL, OF THE FIGHTER COMMAND, CLAIMED THAT MAN FOR MAN THE R.A.F. IS MUCH SUPERIOR TO THE GERMAN AIR FORCE.

He added that of the massed formations which came over the South Coast, once the R.A.F. picked off the leaders and disposed of them, the rest quit and scattered.

Individual aircraft got through because they could not hope to pick out every one of them in thick clouds.—Reuter.

at a second Messerschmidt 109 and disabled it.

No. 8, who was wounded, destroyed a Heinkel.

Nos. 6 and 7 attacked Messerschmidt 109s, saw them disappear with smoke pouring out.

This Spitfire squadron was able to claim two dive-bombers and four fighters shot down in a few minutes.

In less than an hour the skies over the Kent coast were cleared.



Messrs. M. L. Beavan and E. Himsworth, snapped during last Sunday's inter-district A.R.P. competition at Shamshulpo.

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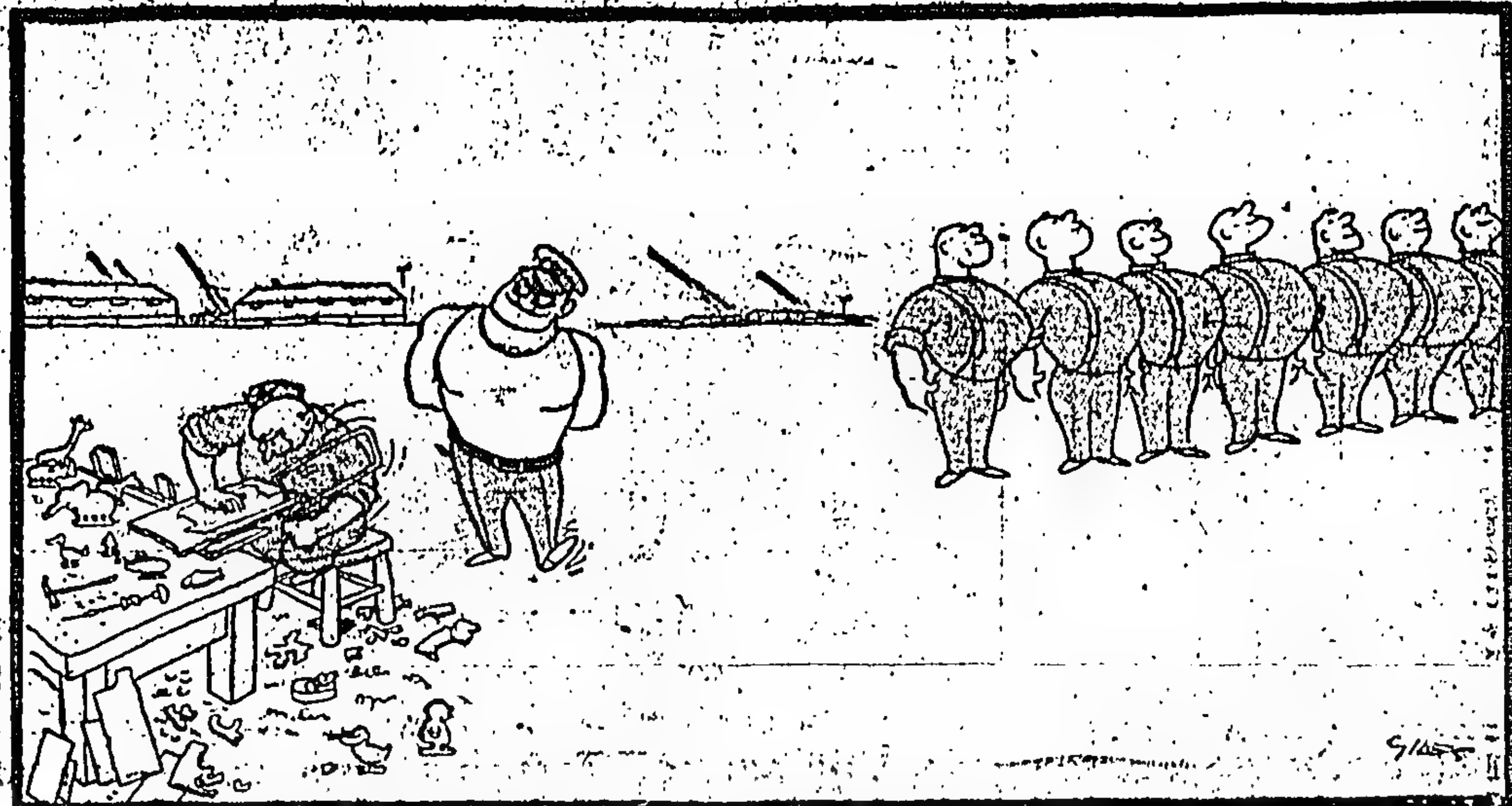
ARMOUR FOR INFANTRYMAN

Report that the British War Inventions Committee is "seriously considering" the possible use of armour of some sort for the protection of individual soldiers looks back to unsuccessful efforts that way, except as to the modern helmet twenty odd years ago. It reminds historically of the time when bullets took the place of arrows, and the feudal system, which one may think of as a miscellany of totalitarian governments whose dictators warred with each other almost as a sport, found itself weakened by loss of the immunity with which armoured men on armoured horses could ride down unarmoured men on foot.

The armoured knight was in effect the medieval tank. He was not completely immune. The arbalest or crossbow hurled its bolt with such vigour that it penetrated armour. But the arbalest had to be wound up, which took time, and was more effective in siege than battle. The later English long-bow, fast and powerful, really foreshadowed musketry in embarrassing a charge of knights.

England knew the value of the long-bow. It won Crécy, Poitiers, and Agincourt. There was at one time a law in England that every man, whatever his station, clergy and judges excepted, should own a long-bow (which meant something longer than himself), keep it ready for use, and provide that his sons should begin practicing archery at the age of 7. England was long a nation of archers, to which condition Macaulay attributes a carefulness of the Tudors not to carry absolutism beyond the limit of public acquiescence.

An armoured knight on foot was almost as useless as a tank without gasoline. From his armoured horse he looked down figuratively as well as literally on the infantry of archers, crossbowmen, pikemen, and miscellaneous armed villains. It is significant of the change that the present consideration of armour is for the benefit of infantrymen.



"We were rather HOPING you'd be joining us in a little drill this morning Private Wilkins."

The Ghost Of Massey Shaw

He was the chief officer of the London Fire Brigade during, roughly, the pre-Raphaelite epoch—the elegant, the redoubtable, Massey Shaw. A photograph hangs in the mess room at the Fire Brigade headquarters in Lambeth. You never saw a handsomer pair of whiskers. They may even have fluttered the bosom of the Great Queen herself. At all events she presented their owner with a fine marble clock that still ticks away on the mantelshelf there.

He was a buddy of the Prince of Wales, too, whom he often entertained at his house at Southwick. He used to send a fast brake for him when a nice juicy fire occurred, and the Prince would change into fire-kit and ride to the fire incognito.

"They haven't forgotten him at the Fire Brigade, but I suppose he'd have been hardly a name to you and me, if Gilbert hadn't seen to it. Do you remember the Song of the Fairy Queen in 'Tolanthe'?"

"Oh, Captain Shaw!"

Type of true love kept under! Could thy brigade, With cold cascade Quench my great love, I wonder!"

Now, in this latter end of history, the name of Massey Shaw comes before the footlights again. But the footlights are more grandiose than those that flared round the rim of the Savoy Theatre stage. They are the fires of a burning city, of sinking ships, of oil tanks and ammunition dumps blazing like Lucifer's embattled cohorts.

Once more you went fire-fighting on ghost of Massey Shaw! But those fires were too desperate for you to extinguish them, despite your "two centrifugal pumps capable of delivering 3000 gallons per minute," and your "Sixty 100ft. lengths of 3½ in. hose." (I quote the specifications of the fireboat Massey Shaw, commissioned in 1935, built by Samuel White and Co., of Cowes.)

Half the North Sea could hardly have extinguished them. But you snatched from the jaws of doom many hundreds of gallant lads and men who would have perished but for you. I think that will have pleased you, oh ghost of Massey Shaw, quite a lot more than the footlights of "Tolanthe."

The Massey Shaw is one of the regular fire-fighting floats that the London Fire Brigade keep on the London stretch of the river for use in dockside fires.

She is not built for elegance, but to spout jets of water to put out fires. But it was a good thing, those Dunkirk nights, she was as broad as that, it meant so many more soldiers could be packed in her, flank to flank, airline-wise.

The Dunkirk "episode," as you might call it with Japanese understatement, was under way. A message came from the Home Office to the Brigade at Lambeth: could they send one of their fireboats along to Dunkirk? There were quite a number of fires blazing there. Indeed they could.

It was decided to send the Massey Shaw with Station Officer Youngman, one-time Lowestoft fisherman, to take charge. A call was issued for volunteers. 12 men being needed. A little embarrass-

singly, practically the whole of the river-service of nearly 400 men volunteered.

It was then decided to divide the honours between the regular Fire Brigade and the Auxiliary Fire Service. (I find the constitution of the six Auxiliaries very engaging: one printer, one stockbroker's clerk, one barrister from Cambridge, one buyer from Houndsditch, one painter, one crane-driver.)

In less than four hours the fantastic little galleon was ready to set out. And then, Dunkirk or no Dunkirk, it was discovered that no one on board had the Port of London authority to pilot a craft below Tilbury.

Armies and empires may be locked in a life-and-death embrace, the very planet may be cracking; but regulations are re-

gulations. So a telephone message was put through from Pinches, an amiable and sensitive gentleman, no longer young, who designs medals and manufactures them in a small riverside factory in Lambeth. Would he pilot the Massey Shaw to Ramsgate, and at the end of her adventures, if she survived, would he pilot her back again?

"Where is my hat?" said Mr. Pinches, putting down the receiver.

What follows is largely derived from the log book of the Massey Shaw drawn up from hour to hour by Station-officer Youngman during its three journeys to and from Dunkirk, on "special service," as his expanded two-sheet report briefly phrases it.

I am not suggesting that the tale of the Massey Shaw is in itself more spectacular than the narrative might be of any of many hundreds of the small boats that fared between Dunkirk and the south-eastern ports in the course of the "episode."

All I say is there is something that for my part I find particularly winning in the performance of the anti-little fireboat destined for duties so different in such unlike waters.

I like the thought of that crane-driver, that stockbroker's clerk hauling the patient soldiers aboard under the thud of the bombers' propellers, in the devil's glare of the parachute floats. It may even be like the thought of Captain Massey Shaw, most of all, tugging with one hand at his spectral whiskers and brandishing in the other the ghost of his little hatchet.

The Massey Shaw passed Dunkirk Harbour on her starboard bow and proceeded towards the beach about three miles east of the Mole—where there were soldiers of the B.E.F. both on the beach and in the water waiting to be rescued. (The report wastes no time in getting to the heart of the matter.)

Air battles were in progress, heavy bombs were dropping, and machine-gun fire was taking place all around us. I gave orders for the

crew to take cover to the best advantage. The fireboat was then moored head-on to the beach with C-Q-R anchor out at the stern, used for kedging, which proved effective.

"A small skiff manned by two men went away with a grass line to the shore. I then approached the crew of a ship lying off at anchor and requested the loan of a small boat, my request being granted. The rocket apparatus was taken this time and as the boat entered the breakers it was fired, but fell short. A man then dived overboard, swam ashore and established the line, but, as operations were in progress, the line parted and had to be re-established."

"The ferrying of troops with the use of the small boat was now in progress and going well. By midnight '60 British troops were brought on board. At this the two motor launches fouled our shore lines, having picked them up with their propellers and, to my great disappointment, after consultation, we were compelled to cut the lines. The two boats with their crews then towed off to their craft and safely moored."

"At 04.00 hours on Saturday, June 1, the Massey Shaw headed for Ramsgate. The troops were made as comfortable as possible. The weakest were put in the engine-room, cabin and hose-room, while the remainder were placed on deck and covered over with tarpaulin, and we provided refreshments and food to the best of our ability."

Seventeen wounded men, I learned, were accommodated on the metal plates of that engine-room, in a space where I would have thought it difficult to stow a few books. The craft was swimming in blood above and below decks. They have scrubbed hard since, but they have not quite managed to get the stains out yet.

During the journey home the fireboat was followed for several miles by enemy aeroplanes using Vorey lights and machine-guns. That is all we are allowed to know about that. It is as if a van were coming up behind with the heavy luggage. Arrived at Ramsgate at 06.45 hours, they discharged their 60 British troops and a quantity of war material: Bren guns, gas masks, theodolites. The crew then set fair and rested at about 1400 hours.

Orders came to sail again two and a half hours later. This time the naval authorities fixed two machine-guns on board and provided ladders. (The first time there had been nothing more formidable than hose-pipes to keep hostile aircraft at bay.) A little healthy ferrying was done on this occasion. Ten boatloads of mixed troops were taken on board (about 500) and transported to two paddle-boats. The Massey Shaw herself brought back a further boatload of troops; and some more theodolites.

Still once more, at 18.40, of the evening of the third day, the fireboat chugged out across the horrible waters, pitted by bombs, lacinated with machine-guns, illumined by flares from above and livid below with blazing phosphorescence. They had less luck this time with their salvaging. The fireboat proceeded along

Co-Ordination Of Our Home Defence Forces By Brigadier General John Charteris.

There is a clamant need for an authoritative explanation of the system of co-ordination of our home defensive forces. Not only the general public, but serving officers have no precise information on the subject, and the ignorance in localities which are likely to be called upon to function at short notice is highly alarming.

The general definition of responsibility is, of course, known. High-water mark is the dividing line between the spheres of the Army and Navy. The air belongs to the R.A.F. and neither Navy nor Army may interfere in it. The A.R.P. organisation is responsible through the local authorities to the Home Office and to the Ministry of Health for the comforting of the people during operations and for the "clearing of the battle-field" when operations are over.

The Local Defence Volunteers, which calls itself with pride part of the armed forces of the Crown, is organised in areas, zones, and groups which corresponded, it is hoped (although there is no very precise ruling), to similar divisions in the Army hierarchy.

The newly appointed Commander-in-Chief (Sir Edmund Ironside), and his staff, control as far as operations are concerned, all Army organisations, although the administrative services still work direct from the various commands—Aldershot, Eastern, Western, &c.—to the War Office.

Control Of Air Arm

So far this, though somewhat complicated, is not obscure. It is when we begin to examine the relationship of the civil and military and the all-important air branch in detail that confusion threatens. There is, of course, the Naval Air Arm working under the direction of the Navy for naval operations. Similarly there is, or there should be, a portion of the Air Force detached to work with and under the direct orders of the Army Commander-in-Chief. A separate air command co-operating with the Commander-in-Chief cannot be regarded as a satisfactory solution in fighting which proceeds at the pace of modern mechanised warfare. The public has quite enough military knowledge to be anxious on this point, and it is highly desirable that any decision which has been arrived at should be made clear at once to everybody. The knowledge cannot possibly be of any assistance to the enemy.

"When The Balloon Goes Up"

"It is understood that as soon as operations start—when the balloon goes up"—the A.R.P., the police, the L.D.V., and generally all the local civil authorities will come under the direct control of the local military commanders. It is probably necessary, though somewhat unfortunate, to make an alteration in the chain of command at such a moment, and if the decision has been definitely made then everybody concerned should be clearly told so that dangerous confusion result at the critical moment. It is essential, for instance, that it should be known who is responsible for the closing of certain roads and railways to all except military vehicles, should the necessity arise, and for the general control of road traffic.

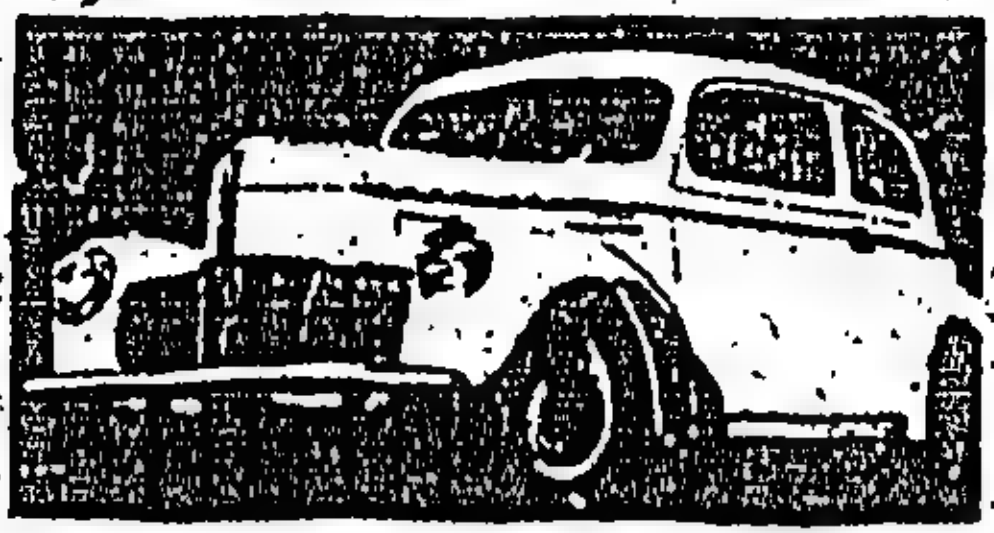
the foreshore but no troops could be seen. Heavy gunfire and air activity was in progress. The Massey Shaw was then taken into Dunkirk harbour and in an attempt to make a rope fast on the Mole one auxiliary fireman was left behind the fireboat having to make a quick exit. This auxiliary was later taken off the Mole by a troop-carrying vessel. That was the only casualty incurred by the Massey Shaw, and not a serious one.

At 5 o'clock next morning the fireboat took on its river pilot again, the medal manufacturer, and left Ramsgate for London. The senior officials of the Fire Brigade were there to greet her. She did not look very spruce, I suppose, but they will have forgiven her. "It was all very interesting, really," murmured the Cambridge barrister.

"It wasn't art a lark, that wasn't!" agreed the crane-driver.

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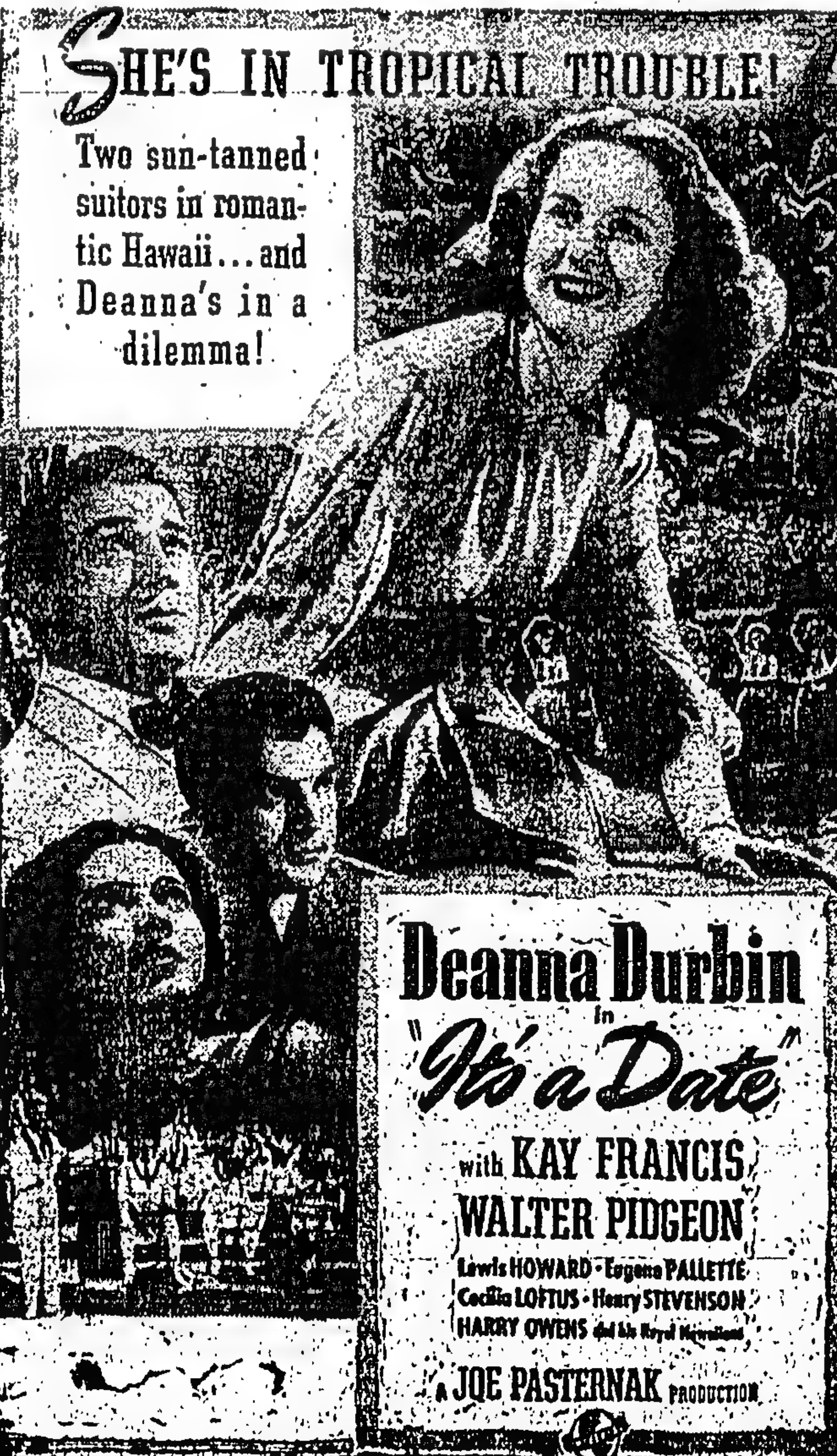
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AVERAGE AGE IN WAR CABINET NOW LESS THAN SIXTY

ALTHOUGH SWEEPING changes are involved in the big Cabinet reconstruction announced yesterday the leadership of the three fighting Services remains unaltered — an implied indication of the satisfaction which Mr. Churchill feels at the way the war effort is being pushed forward.

In the enlarged War Cabinet — increased from six to eight by the inclusion of Mr. Ernest Bevin and Sir Kingsley Wood — the Conservatives now outnumber Labour members by five to three and there is still no place for a Liberal.

There is now no reason to expect any more Government changes in the near future.

Average age of the new War Cabinet is 59½. Mr. Churchill at 65 being the eldest and Mr. Bevin at 56 the youngest.

Simultaneously with his resignation from the Government, Mr. Neville Chamberlain has resigned the leadership of the Conservative Party.

It is a foregone conclusion that Mr. Churchill will succeed him.

New Home Secretary

Yesterday's Cabinet changes were as follows:—

Lord President of the Council:— Sir John Anderson (formerly Home Secretary).

Home Secretary and Minister for Home Security:—Mr. Herbert Morrison (formerly Minister for Supply).

Dominions Secretary:—Viscount Cranborne (formerly Paymaster General).

President of the Board of Trade:—Capt. Oliver Lyttleton.

Minister for Supply:—Sir Andrew Duncan (formerly President of the Board of Trade).

Minister for Transport:—Lt. Col. J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon.

Minister for Works and Buildings and First Commissioners for Works:—Sir John Reith (formerly Minister for Transport). The Ministry for Works and Buildings is a new department.

Steering Committee

It is understood that Sir John Anderson, as Lord President of the Council, will take over all duties performed by Mr. Chamberlain, one of the most important of which is the steering committee which places questions in their order of importance on the agenda of the War Cabinet. — Reuter.

HOW ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

It is remarkable how the lack of a certain commodity in Germany leads to a lack of the same commodity in one of the occupied countries!

For instance, rubber. A day or two ago, it was announced in Germany that new bicycle tyres cannot be bought except for Service and school-children were forbidden to wear out their bicycle tyres on pleasure trips.

Yesterday came news of an official decree in occupied France forbidding the sale of motor car and motor cycle tyres except for official vehicles.

No doubt French supplies will satisfy the Germans for the time being. If they do not, the French can expect the loss of their bicycles as well. — Reuter.

FIGHTER DONATION

THE SUM OF £15,000 WAS CABLED TO THE AIR MINISTRY YESTERDAY FROM THE WAR FUND RAISED BY THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

Total contributions from this source now amount to £247,500. — Reuter.

JOURNALISTS' PROPERTY SEIZED

Amongst the latest properties to be confiscated by the Vichy Government are those belonging to the noted journalists, Madame Tabouis and "Pertinax." — Reuter.

LORD HALIFAX TO LEAD UPPER HOUSE

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, is to be Leader of the House of Lords in the place of Lord Caldecote, the new Lord Chief Justice.

He will be assisted, it is announced from No. 10, Downing Street, by Lord Snell, who will continue as Deputy Leader. — Reuter.

BILL OF HEALTH

Four cases of Cholera — three from Victoria and one from Kowloon — 26 cases of tuberculosis, nine of typhoid, seven of dysentery, and one of diphtheria were registered with the Health Department yesterday.

GATHERING EMPIRE EFFORT FOR VICTORY

THE WHOLE EMPIRE'S war effort is growing with ceaseless momentum. By the end of September between fifty and sixty thousand men of the volunteer militia had completed camp training in Canada and during 1941 nearly 300,000 will be trained.

In addition it is unofficially estimated that the total Canadian troops now in England is over 46,000.

As was announced in the first week of September, the Canadian Navy then numbered 125 vessels while the R.C.A.F. was expected early in October to have a strength of 26,500 officers and men whereof 16,000 were in the Empire air training project.

In other parts of the Empire, Canada's material resources represent a highly important factor. The current wheat crop is estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 581 million bushels which is about five million below the record harvest of 1928. Oats, barley and linseed estimates are all above last year.

In nine months Canadians have bought about £130,000,000 worth of War Bonds.

In Australia the establishment of a new infantry officers' training school will raise the output of officers to nearly 2,000 yearly — the number required for the A.I.F.

Australia's Defences

Plans have been made for a great expansion of air defences in north-eastern Australia, involving an expenditure of many millions pounds on establishments, aircraft and personnel. Proposed strength of the air force will be at least 8,500 officers and men.

Seven Australian shipyards are building fifty patrol craft to the design of the Naval Board whereof twenty are intended for the Admiralty. Each ship will be manned by Australians and named after an Australian town.

Two Tribal-class destroyers under construction in Australia, will with the King's approval, be named Arunta and Warranunga, the names of two aboriginal tribes.

The Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation has handed over to the Australian Government the hundredth Wirraway plane, one year after the production of the first. This means an output of £1,000,000 worth of planes in the first year of production. Members of 15,000 Australian

N.Z. Effort

There are now 1,000 New Zealanders in the R.A.F. A total of 8,204 men have volunteered for the N.Z.A.F. as pilots and 8,189 for technical staff.

In South Africa, the Transvaal gold output in August broke the record at almost 1,200,000 fine ounces.

The South African Air Force continues to take part in many successful raids on Italian bases in Africa where the Rhodesian squadron of the R.A.F. has also made successful attacks.

The Southern Rhodesian gold mining industry achieved the highest monthly production in 23 years during August.

Indian Air Force

In India applications for service in the I.A.F. are being received between 7,000 and 2,000 daily according to a recent announcement. An advertisement of 300 vacancies for pilots in the I.A.F. reserve brought in 18,000 applications.

Towards war industries India is producing about 20,000 different items. A factory survey will shortly be made to estimate production capacity.

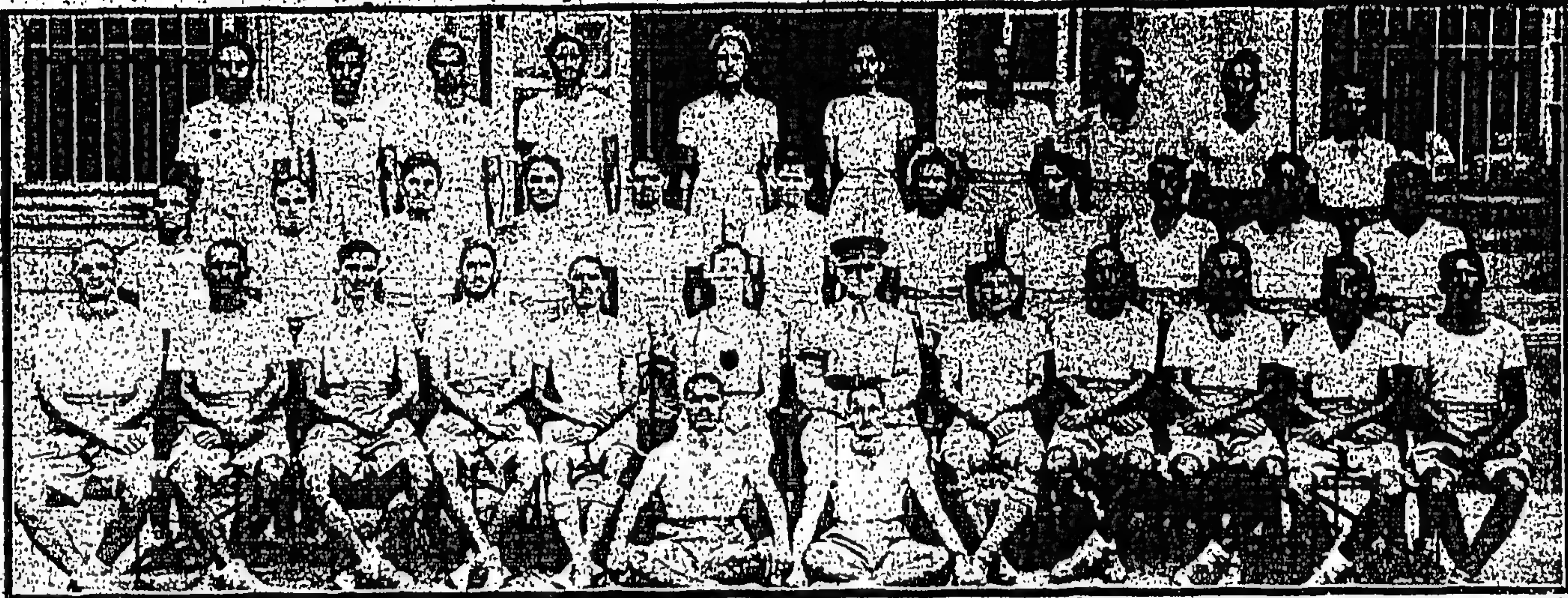
Hardly a day passes without further generous Indian gifts towards aircraft purchase.

Kenya's manpower is now a hundred per cent mobilised. Every able-bodied man not in the regular forces is having part-time training in the Kenya Defence Force.

From Canada's war expenditure of £120,000,000 since September, 1939, to a £60 gift from a Falkland Island sheep farm, from the Australian Imperial Force 119,420 enlistments to the Seychelles field ambulances, the Empire story is one of consistent, generous and above all a gathering effort for victory. — British Wireless.

THE CHINA MAIL

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Group photograph of Junior N.C.O.s undergoing a physical training course held at Mount Austin under the instruction of Captain G. E. Neve, Royal West Kents, Officer i/c course, and Q.M.S.I. A. Pacy, Army P. T. Staff Instructor. (King's Studio).



(Left) — An inter-district A.R.P. competition was held at Shamshulpo on Sunday. Wing Commander A. H. Steele - Perkins, Director A.R.P., may be seen second from right, with M. L. Beavan, checking on reports.

In The Camera's Eye



Flight-Lieutenant R. A. B. Learoyd, who was recently awarded the Victoria Cross.

(Below Left)—Spectators at the Open Pairs Final held at the Kowloon Football Club on Sunday last. They were delighted by one of the most brilliant matches of the season.



Group taken at the wedding last week of Mr. Li Fok Fai and Miss Ng Kit Yuk. (King's Studio).

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SHORT STORY

A Lucifo Match by Arthur Morrison

PERSONS with a choice of several names are not common outside the peerage; but some of them—wholly unconnected with any peer—are to be discovered in London crowds, though discovery is not what they are there for. Crowds, in fact, attract them, from the circumstance that whatever the number of individuals in a crowd, there are sure to be several times that number of pockets, mostly with something in them; and a pickpocket who has once been convicted finds a change of name a wise precaution. So we arrive at Johnson.

It chanced that Johnson stood in quite a small crowd—perhaps of twenty—that stared at a shop window in Oxford Street. He had only been Johnson for a week, poor fellow, since emerging from some months' retirement, and as yet the name did not sit easily. He had to keep it continually in mind, lest in some unforeseen emergency he might call himself Jones, or Barker, or Jenkinson, any one of which was dangerous, and had been discarded in its turn for that reason; always after just such another holiday as that he had lately disengaged.

Johnson was a mild person—not at all the sort of man whom one might suppose to be a pickpocket—which was fortunate, of course, for Johnson. He was a meek, rather timid body, whose tastes would have been domestic if he had been a family man, and he would have been a family man if it were not for the expense. He was temperate, thrifty, and inoffensive; he shrank with horror from the idea of anything violent, such as burglary or work; he had no vices, no particular abilities, and only one small talent: he could pick a pocket very well indeed. Altogether, Johnson was an unusually virtuous thief.

He stood in a small crowd in Oxford Street, as I have said, and while the small crowd stared at the shop window because of some

new idea of the shopkeeper's, Johnson considered pockets according to ideas of his own, having a natural human preference for the easiest pocket in the most sumptuous habilliment.

He felt himself much drawn toward a man in an "immensikoff"—a fur-lined overcoat—which was quite the most magnificent garment in the crowd.

The large side-pocket of the "immensikoff" gaped invitingly, and though outside overcoat-pockets were barren as a rule, this was so very easy that it were wasting a chance not to try it. So Johnson placed himself against the pocket and tried, with unexpected success.

For indeed, at the bottom of that pocket reposed a purse—not at all what one might expect to find there. In an instant that purse was transferred to the outside pocket, so closely adjacent, of Johnson's light overcoat; and then Johnson paused for a moment, ostentatiously scratching his cheek with the guilty hand, and staring with rapt eyes at the window; till he judged it expedient to edge gently away and evaporate from the little crowd.

He strolled easily to the next turning, turned up it with quicker steps, and so into a quieter cross street. Here he paused, plunged his hand into his side-pocket, and—found it empty.

His chin fell, and he stood amazed. There was no doubt of it—this was the pocket into which he had dropped the purse, and now there was nothing there.

He felt in the opposite pocket—needlessly, for he clearly remembered working with his right hand, and with his right side-pocket against the left pocket of the "immensikoff". There was nothing now in either of his side-pockets, though he raked them through with anxious fingers.

And then everything inside him bounced at the sudden touch of a hand on his shoulder. He shrank and turned, and found himself



confronted by the man in the fur-lined coat.

The man was grinning at him with sardonic politeness, and Johnson did not like him at all. He was tall and broad and dark, while Johnson was small and narrow and pale. The stranger's black moustache was waxed into long spikes, which pointed toward the outward edges of the flat brim of a very tall hat, and gave a touch of the unearthly to his grin; and in his hand he extended toward Johnson a metal box—Johnson's own tobacco-box, in truth, which he now remembered to have left in that same side-coat-pocket.

"How do you?" said the sardonic stranger. "Were you feeling in your pocket for this?"

Johnson's panic impulse was to deny his tobacco-box utterly, but the stranger's black eyes were piercing his very brain, and he felt it useless. He took the box that was forced on him, and gasped unintelligibly he was extremely obliged, and didn't know he had dropped it; but he never remembered what he did say.

"I believe some snaking thief picked your pocket," said the stranger, his grin growing fiercer. "Open it and see if anything's missing."

Johnson began a mumble that it was all right and of no consequence and didn't matter, but the eyes and the sardonic grin compelled him, and he sprang the lid.

Instantly there arose from within a gigantic creature with horns, which ran across his hand, on horrid clawed legs, and made for his sleeve. Johnson squeaked like a rat, and flung box and insect to the ground together. He had a feminine horror of crawling things and had never seen a star-beetle before.

The stranger snatched the box as it fell, and brushing roughly against Johnson skillfully scooped up the insect from the pavement.

"What?" he said. "Do you mean to say it wasn't yours, at all? And yet you wanted to take it? Is there anything else in those pockets of yours that doesn't belong to you? Show me!"

"No, sir! Nothing at all, sir," upon my solemn doyle!" wailed Johnson in terror. For the eyes and the grin were fiercer than ever. "Nothing at all, sir!" protested Johnson, pulling out the pocket-linings. And there, as the right-hand pocket came inside-out, emerged the stranger's purse.

"Liar!" cried the dark man. "Thief! That is my purse!"

He snatched it away and opened it, while Johnson stood helpless in amazement, with his pockets protruding on each side.

"See!" pursued the stranger, thrusting the open purse under his nose. "My purse, with my money in it! What about that?"

Instinct brought a jumbled defence to Johnson's lips. "Quite a mistake—wouldn't think of such a thing, being a gentleman, himself. Accident that might happen to anybody—a lot of trouble in the family lately"—and so on.

"What's your name?" snapped the stranger. It disconcerted Johnson more than anything else to see that this splendid person was grinning more than ever, while his unavoidable eyes seemed to divine more about Johnson than even Johnson ever knew.

"What's your name?" he demanded.

"Jones!" spluttered the thief, in a panic. "Barker!—no, Jenkinson—I mean Johnson!"

"Oh, I see," the stranger replied; and now his moustache and his grin chased each other to the very tips of his ears. "Well, Jones, alias Barker, alias Jenkinson, and at present Johnson. Last

conviction under the name Jenkinson, eh?"

"Twasn't exactly a conviction, sir, I assure you," protested the sweating pickpocket. "The judge's mistake entirely—quite a misunderstanding; and the commonest watch you ever see; not worth a bob!"

"And what did you get? A year?"

"No, sir—nothing of the kind. It's a wicked slander, sir, when anybody says it was a year. Not a day more than nine months, I give you my solemn word!"

"After a dozen previous convictions?"

"No, sir—that's another slander; anybody as told you that is trying to take my character away. There wasn't more than seven, sir, or eight at the very most. It's 'ard to be scandalised like that, sir!"

"Shocking!" The stranger had slipped his purse away, and now had his hand on Johnson's shoulder, with finger and thumb taking a good nip of his coat-collar. "Only seven or eight convictions! Poor chap! you shall have another at once. Come along!"

"No, indeed, sir—let me alone! On my solemn doyle, sir, it was all a mistake! I dunno how the purse got there!" And it surprised Johnson to find himself offering an excuse with such a deal of truth in it.

The stranger's grin relaxed a little, and his voice grew more business-like. "Very well," he said. "Come with me for an hour and I won't charge you. But don't you displease me, my virtuous friend!" The grin flickered up again. "Don't you displease me, or you'll go back to as long a dose of gaol as I can get you, mind that! You shall buy your release on my terms. Come along! but first stuff those pockets in again."

Johnson obeyed, and walked by the side of his persecutor, in a maze of sickening bewilderment. Could he be really awake? The whole thing was uncommonly like a hideous nightmare, down to the very beetle. He had the most distinct recollection of his shock of surprise at finding his coat-pockets empty; yet he had put the purse there, and there it proved to be after all.

The thing was the more like a dream, because his efforts to remember made it all seem like something that had occurred a long time ago. And he would doubtless have believed it a nightmare and made some desperate effort to wake himself, were it not for the fact that the gleaming stranger, most palpably had him by the arm as they walked through the back streets, and now and again put a question of such a pungent and penetrating nature that demanded all Johnson's waking wits to meet it.

Such wits as Johnson had were barely sufficient for the needs of his trade; and now they were oppressed by a feeling that he was being "got at" in some unfathomable manner; for indeed the sardonic stranger chuckled gaily to himself as the torment went on. Their way led through numerous back streets, which Johnson was too disconcerted to recognise, even if he knew them; and at last they stopped before a very blank and secret-looking door in a tall building that had no more than two other openings in it, and those windows, small and high.

The stranger opened the door with a latchkey, never looking at the key, but always at Johnson, with that embarrassing grin unaltered, unless it were now a little less fierce and a little more whimsical. The door revealed nothing but a dark passage, into which Johnson was pushed without ceremony.

The place smelt damp, and on the whole strikingly like a cell in a police station; a fact which gave the prisoner's terrors a more definite turn. The door closed behind them and left them wholly in the dark; and Johnson, seized by the arm, was thrust stumbling and staggering along the passage till he emerged on a spot only a degree less obscure, where nothing was discernible but some vast construction of square beams that vanished into blackness above. Here the stranger paused, and groping in the gloom among the beams, flung open another door.

"Get in there," he said, "and sit down. I shan't want you for a now. You can go to sleep if you like."

Johnson obediently stumbled into the dark opening, and the door slammed behind him with a bang and a sharp click. It was blacker than ever, but at least he was alone for a space, and might collect his faculties. He reached about him, and had no difficulty in finding the walls of his prison, for in fact they were scarce a yard apart in any direction. It seemed that he was in a wooden cupboard, with a ledge for a seat. He sat on the ledge and wondered. Imprisonment was not wholly a novelty, though this was certainly the darkest cell he had ever inhabited, and the smallest. There was to be an hour's respite, it seemed, but he was mighty uneasy as to what would happen at the end of the hour. He thought again of that horrible beetle, and the clothes tingled on his skin at the recollection, till he began to rub himself all over. Heavens! if there were more of them in this place!

He jumped to his feet, shook himself and stamped, and then bethought him of his match-box. He found it and spilt it, stooped for it hurriedly, butted his head into one side of the cupboard, and his opposite end into the other, and came to the floor in a heap. "Now then, keep quiet in there!"

The voice was a strange one—certainly not that of the dark man—and it came from—where? No where about him, but apparently from somewhere above, though even of this he was not certain. Surely there was no possibility that he could be watched in this unspeakable darkness! He groped painfully, found a match, groped again, and found the box to strike it on.

The light was a great relief, for it revealed the fact that at least the place was free from visible insects. He could see now that his cell was wooden—top, bottom, and sides, and then came burned fingers and sudden darkness. He lit another match, and satisfied himself that there was no cranny, nor even a keyhole, through which peeping was possible; then he lit another to pick up those remaining, and another after that.

"Now then!" came the voice again. "Leave off strikin' them matches!"

Johnson stopped, bumped his head again, and scrambled to his seat. Then he found courage to speak. "I say—" he began. "You stow that row, d'year? Shut up."

The prisoner said no more, but waited. Strange noises reached his ear from some far-away part of the building, and a little nearer there were subdued creakings. He began to remember stories of mysterious rooms that closed up and crushed men imprisoned in them; of weighted ceilings that fell; of chambers slowly filled with poisonous gas.

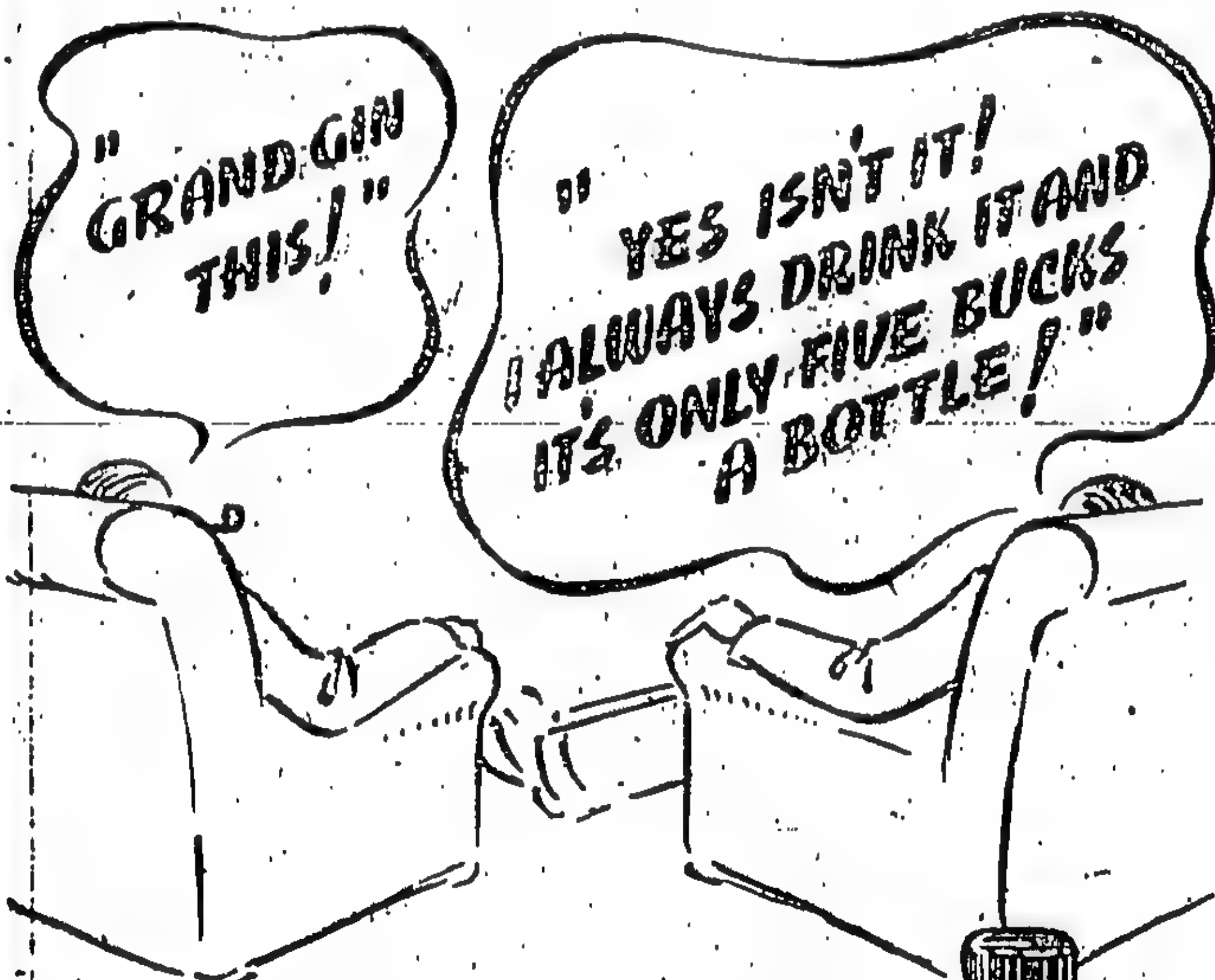
As he sat he began to tremble, and as the minutes passed he felt himself growing desperate with fear. He wished he had allowed himself to be handed to the police, for at least he knew what that meant. But now—he could not endure much longer. He had made up his mind, come what might, to shout his loudest for help; when, as he stood feeling the hundredth time for the door-latching, he was suddenly flung backward and down, confusedly realising that the cupboard was shooting up bodily. Was the thing a lift?

It stopped with a jerk, and the prisoner, recovering his legs, was aware of a loud and now familiar voice. There was a tap at the door, and a click; and instantly it flew open, and Johnson was blinded by a flood of light and deafened by a roar of sound.

Hundreds of faces stared at him from a great hall, as many voices shouted a delighted greeting, and twice as many hands clapped loud applause. The cupboard stood open on a brilliantly lighted stage, and by it stood the sardonic stranger in evening dress, with a black wand in his hand; while Johnson, gasping and dishevelled, blinked and covered helplessly.

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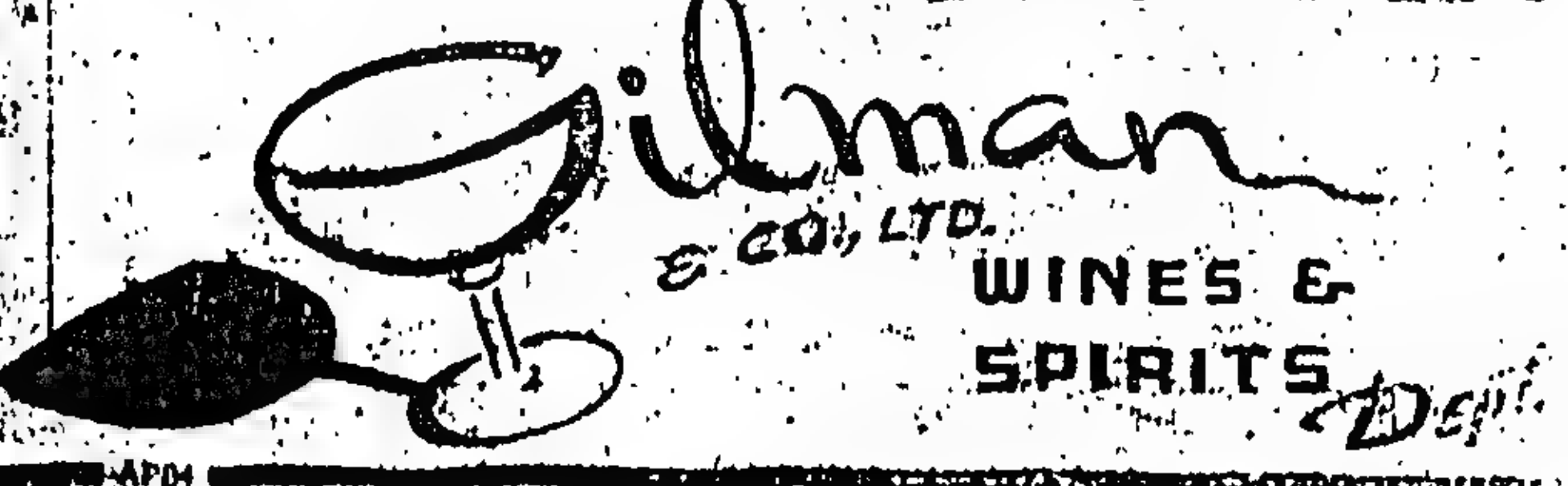
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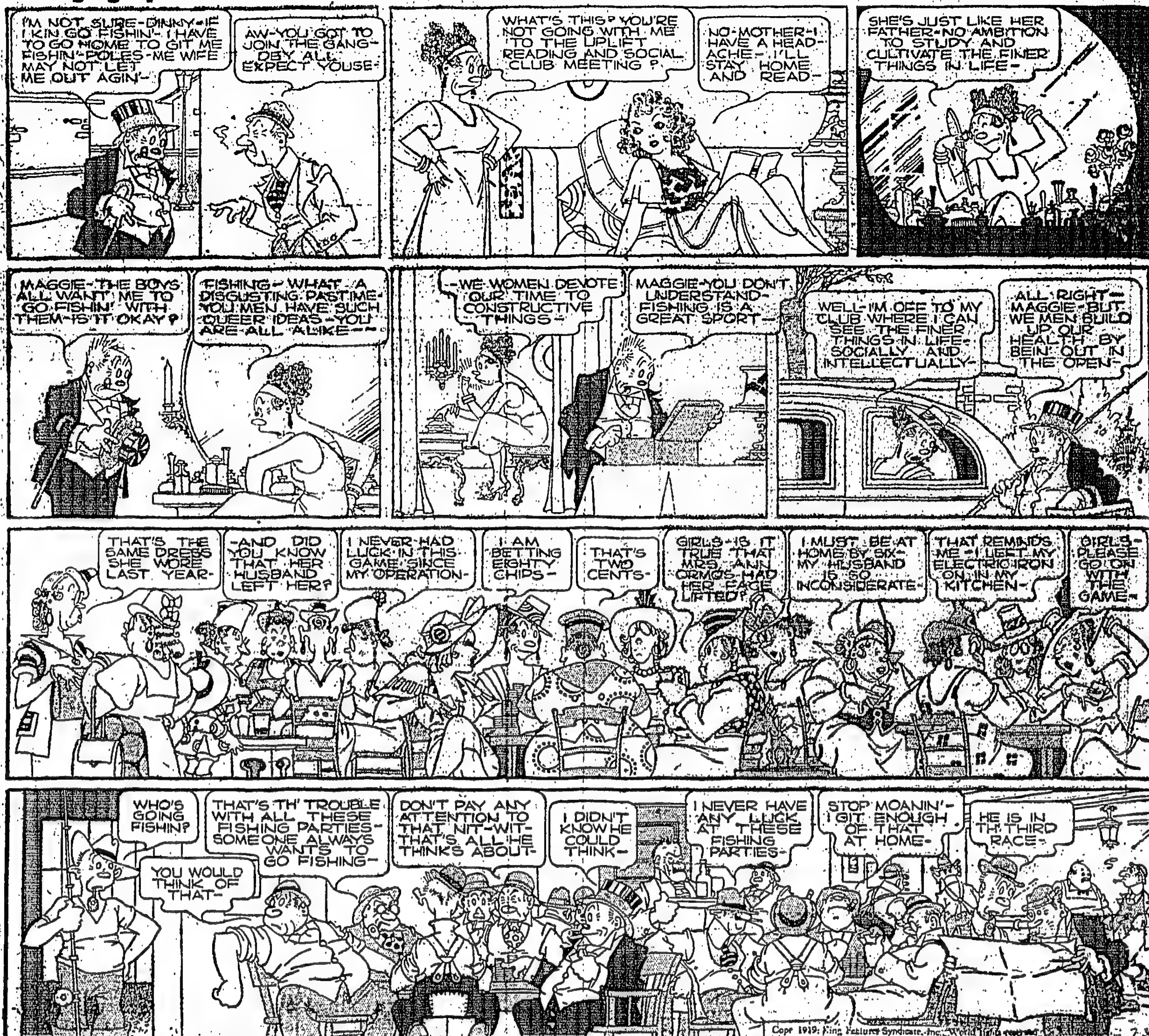


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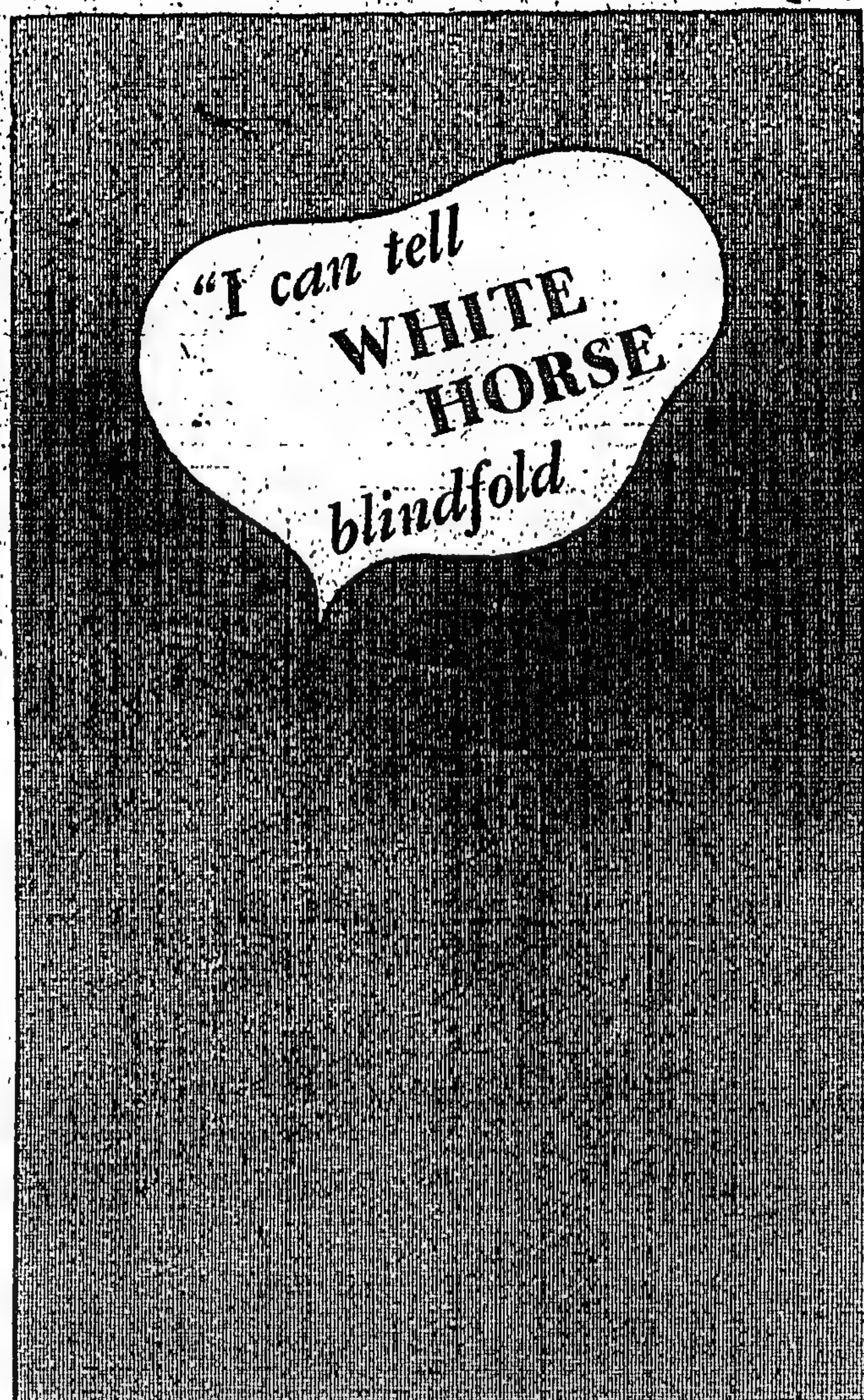
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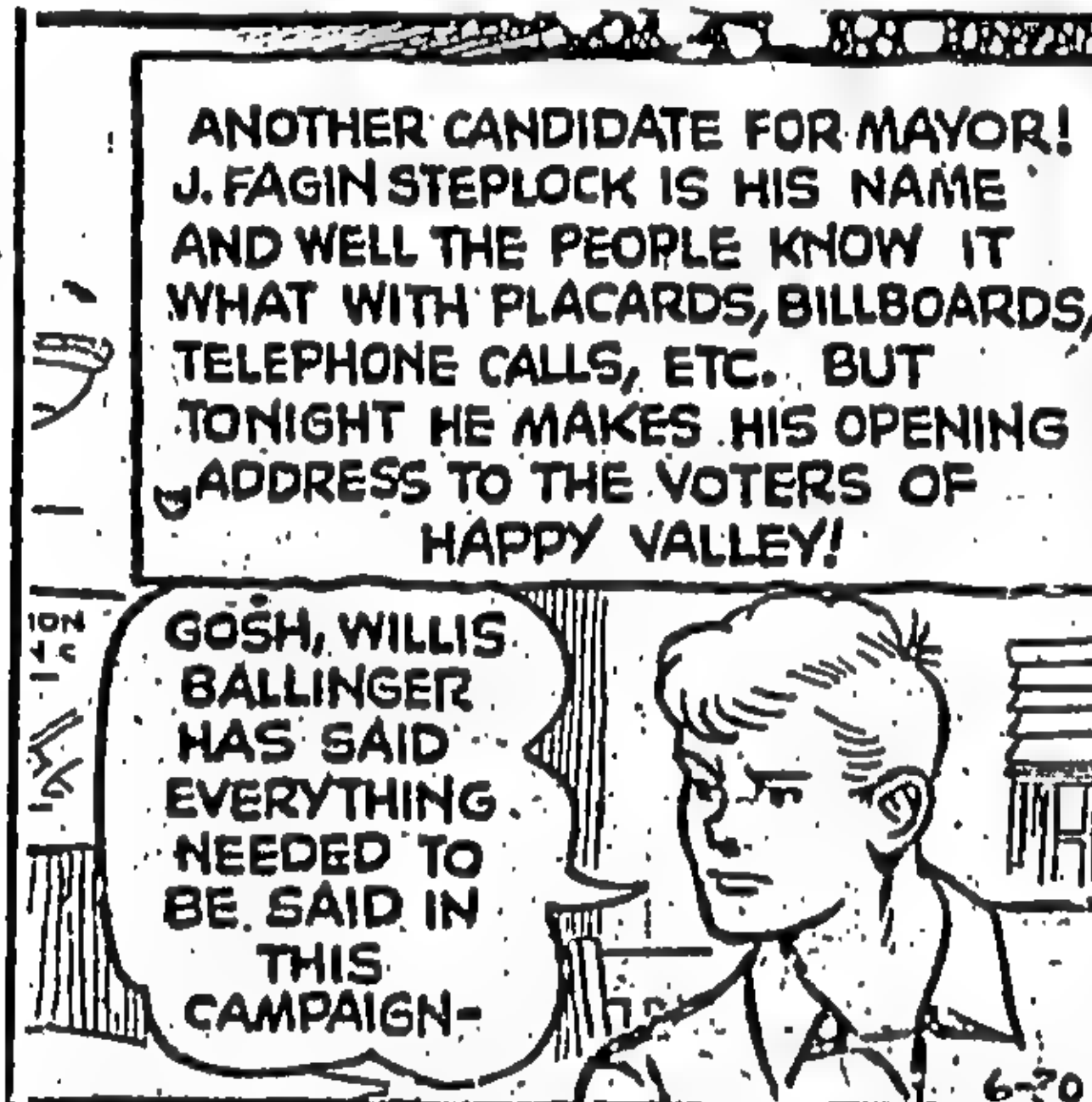
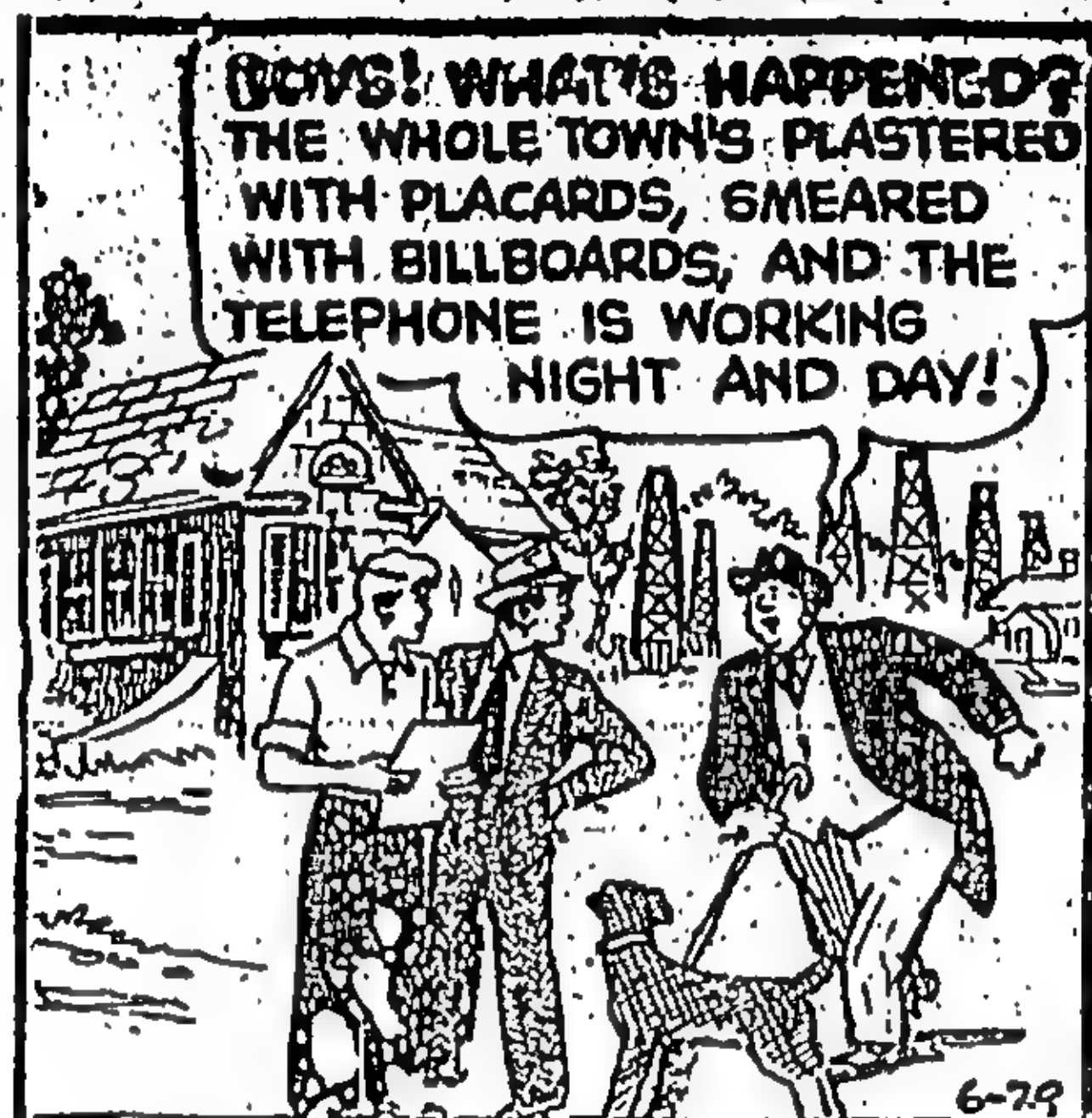
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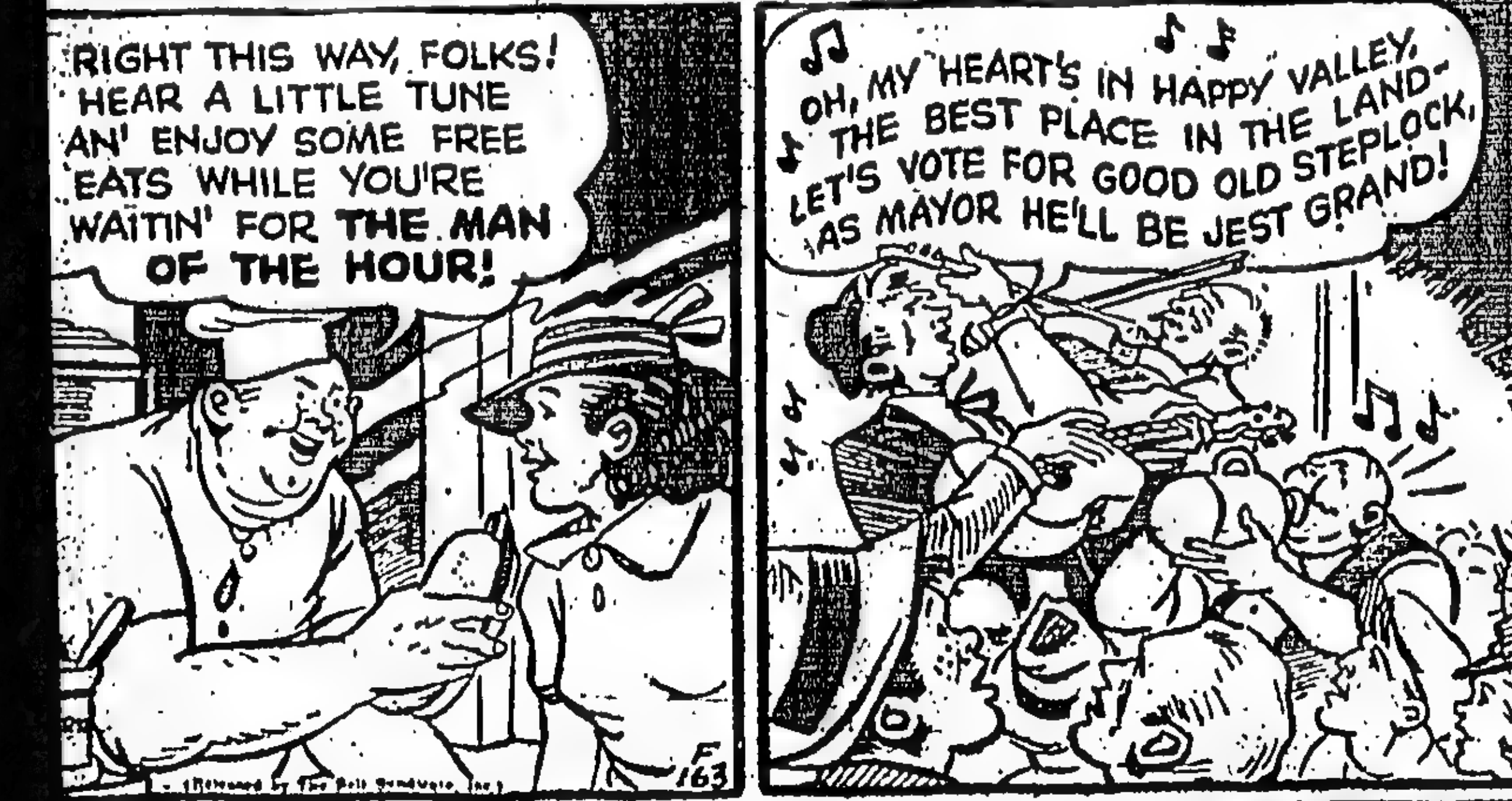
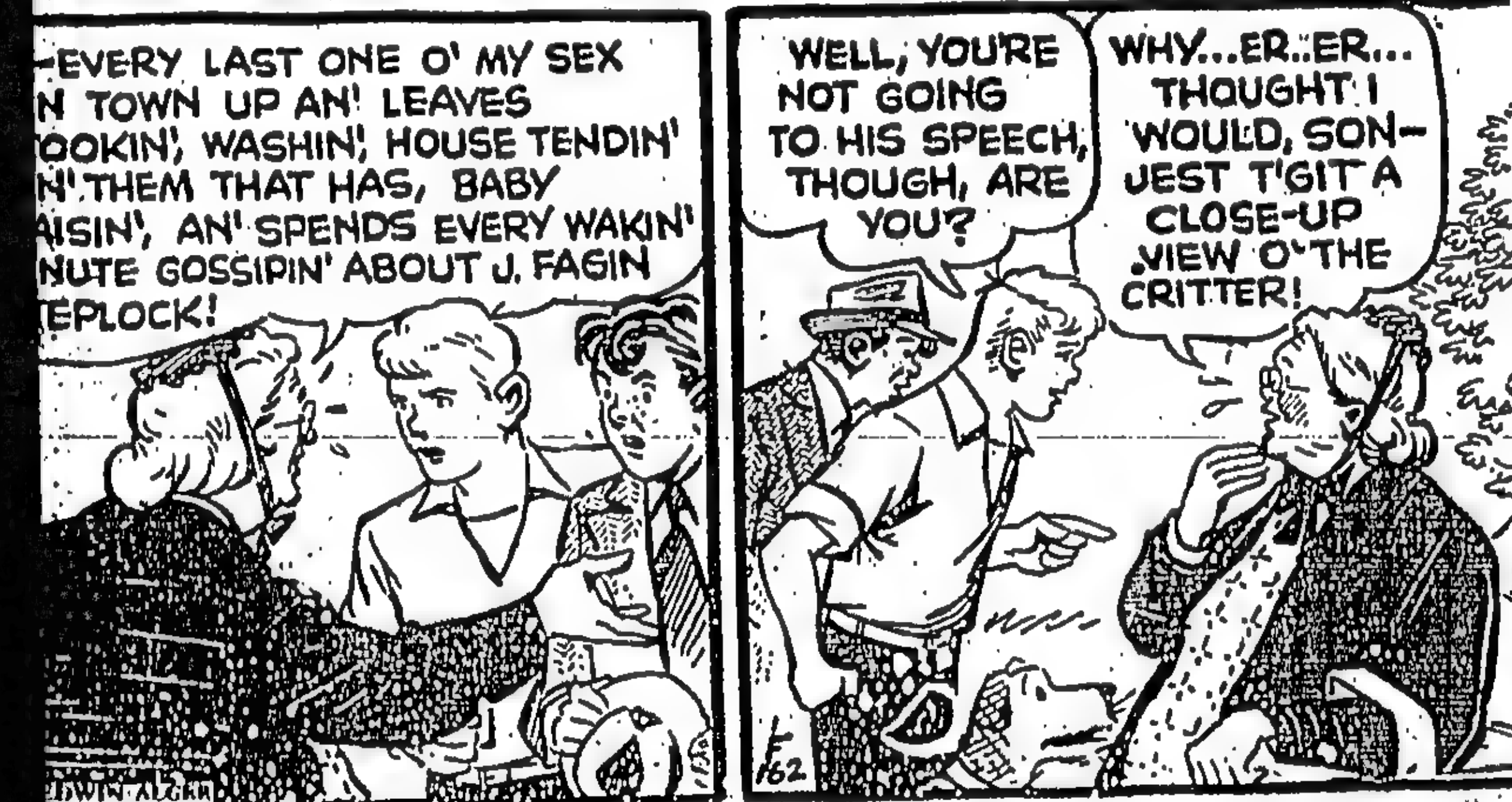
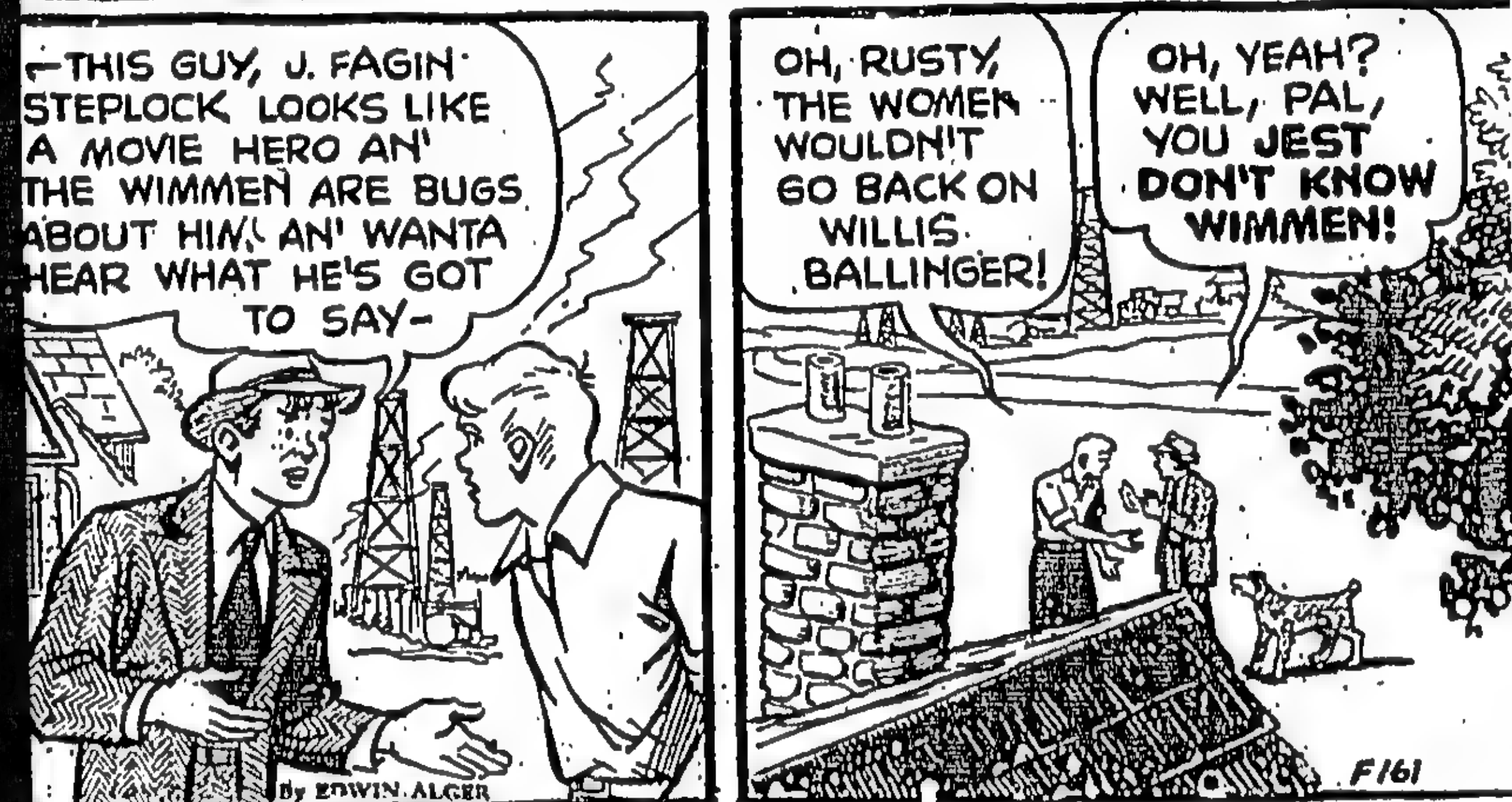
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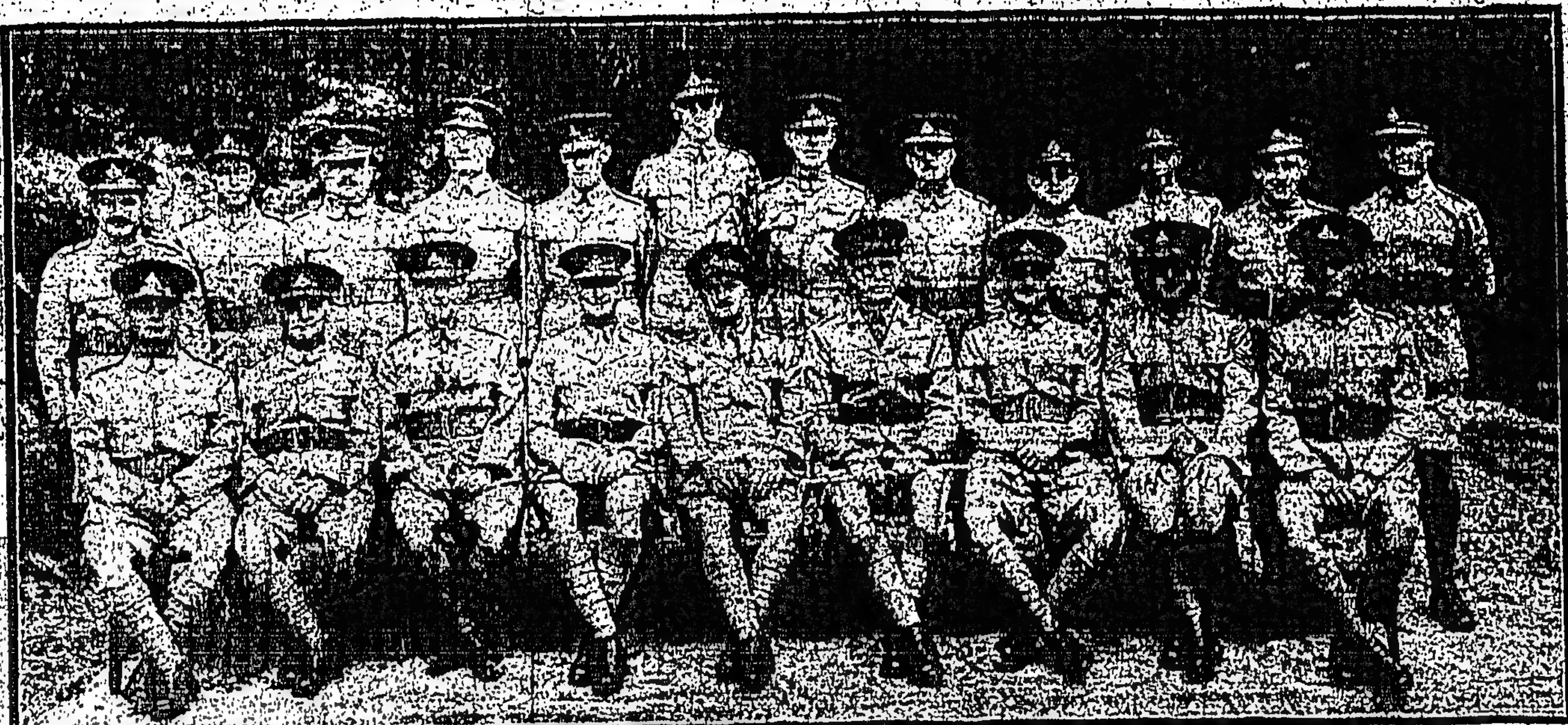
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General Sikorski (centre), the Polish Premier, recently carried out an inspection of the Polish squadrons now serving with the R.A.F. He is seen above with Air Marshal Sir William Mitchell, Inspector-General of the R.A.F.



Group photograph of Officers and Men of the Pay Section, H.K.V.D.C., with Captain de Salles Robertson in the centre. (King's Studio).

FROM PAGE TWO

A Lucifo Match

attempted.

"I think I have fulfilled my promise. Not only has the lady disappeared, but by an extraordinary application of occult natural forces I have brought into her place a pickpocket snatched this moment from his nefarious practices in Oxford Street. You observe his confusion? What more natural? But two minutes ago his hand was in the pocket of an eminent and distinguished gentleman, much like myself in appearance, seeking that gentleman's purse. In an instant—whist! he finds himself placed before you on this stage, half a mile off.

"Ladies and gentlemen, it is just possible that some among you suspected the lady who disappeared of being a confederate of mine; but I defy anyone of you to call this man a confederate. Does he look like it? Does he look as though he came here on purpose? Has he the calm, self-possessed, happy smiling appearance natural to any man who has the good fortune to be in my employment?

Look at him. Some gentleman who has ever had his pocket picked may remember him; if any of you are connected with the police you are sure to know him. He has been brought up at half the police courts in London and has been convicted at the Old Bailey and the Sessions House over and over again. He has just completed nine months' board and residence at this country's expense, under the name of Jenkinson; if he hadn't changed his name he'd have got more.

"Are you quite convinced, ladies and gentlemen, that he is not a confederate? Any test you like to suggest will be applied. Is there any lady present he has ever robbed who would like to stick a bonnet-pin into him? Don't hesitate—you are quite welcome, I assure you. Come now, I wish you would. You see, under the Employers' Liability Act I am liable for any injury occurring to people I employ, but I don't care

what happens to this chap. Come now, let me persuade you. Isn't there any dear, kind lady present, who will oblige me by sticking a bonnet-pin into this criminal, just to oblige me? It doesn't matter whether he has robbed you or not—I don't mind. He'd rob you if he could, you know. Here he is."

He seized the wretched Johnson, by the collar, and thrust him forward. "I always find ladies very obliging," he went on. "Surely you won't all be so unkind as to refuse just to stick him with a bonnet-pin while I hold him? Just to help me convince the company, now?"

There were laughs and titters, and the conjurer whispered from behind: "All right, you fool, they won't do it." Then he proceeded aloud: "You won't? Not one of you? Then I shall have to try something else. I'm always glad to introduce a novelty into my performance, and I think you'll admit that this is the first time a real live pickpocket has ever been brought upon the stage in this extraordinary manner."

"Having got him here it would be a pity to waste him, wouldn't it? Very well, I will proceed to try a little experiment—with a view to showing how dishonesty would be dealt with in this country, if I were Prime Minister.

"Will any ladies and gentlemen in the company oblige me by the loan of a few small articles of value? A few rings, a watch, a gold pencil-case—anything of that sort, you know. I'm sure I shan't have to wait long for things like that with such a high-class audience as this.

"Come now—thank you, sir; a ring; a valuable diamond ring from a gentleman in the second row. Yes? Thank you, madam—a locket. A gold watch? I should like a gold watch—and so would Mr. Johnson, I am sure.

"Here it comes—thank you, sir. A gold pencil-case—two more rings, a chain, and a silver match-box; thank you—thank you. I think that will do; we mustn't risk too much on a first experiment, you know. Now I should like some gentlemen from the company to assist me by placing these articles in Mr. Johnson's pockets, in full sight of the house. Will you sir? Thank you; just step up here.

"Now, will you please take the articles one by one from the table, and place them separately in any of the criminal's pockets you choose. Well in sight of the company, mind. Stand a little aside—that's it—so that everything shall be perfectly clear.

"I need hardly assure you, ladies and gentlemen, that this gentleman is no confederate of mine. I do not invite you to test it by sticking a bonnet-pin into him—he is a good deal bigger than Johnson, and it might not be safe. I am sure you will accept his word of honour from a gentleman of his size."

The gentleman approached Johnson and followed the conjurer's instructions, and the conjurer, from a little way off, reported the bestowal of each article aloud. "Gold watch in right-hand waistcoat-pocket; diamond ring in left-hand waistcoat-pocket; chain

in inside coat-pocket; and so forth.

As for Johnson, he began to feel a good deal happier. He resented the indignities to which he had been subjected, of course, but, after all, he had expected something much worse than this.

All the bewilderment and anxiety of the earlier part of the adventure were at an end now, and all was plain enough. The conjurer had scored heavily, it was true, and the effect of Johnson's appearance in the cabinet, aghast and panic-stricken, was something altogether beyond the possibilities of ordinary preparation and rehearsal.

But Johnson's relief was immense, and now the novel experience of having his pockets voluntarily stuffed with valuables was rather pleasant than otherwise. Johnson was himself again; and vastly on the alert for fresh moves in the game.

The gentleman descended from the platform, and the conjurer came forward.

"Now, ladies and gentlemen," he said, "you have seen the articles safely—or shall we say unsafely?—placed in the thief's pockets. But to make everything perfectly plain and to identify the owner of each I will just rapidly run over them again. This ring, sir—you see it? You are sure you identify it? It is your property, and you will remember that it is in the left-hand waistcoat-pocket, where I carefully replaced it, as you see. The watch—that is yours, sir; you may examine it again, if you please. No? Well, you will bear in mind that it is in the thief's right-hand waistcoat-pocket. There it is. This chain—the owner of this chain may see that no substitution has been made—is in the inside coat-pocket, on the left. Remember that, please."

The company, vastly interested, watched the apparent return of each triquet; but Johnson knew better. Nothing but the conjurer's fingers entered each pocket in turn, and nothing remained there at all.

Somewhere within the breast of the conjurer's coat was a spot over which his fingers flickered instantaneously after each pocket was done with; and when at last he turned away, ostentatiously dusting his fingers with his pocket handkerchief after the contamination of Johnson, the handkerchief also flickered over that same spot. So much Johnson observed, with eyes trained by use in all matters concerned with pockets.

The conjurer stepped between Johnson and the company, putting his pocket-handkerchief into his coat-tail pocket; and Johnson saw that something black went with it.

"Now, ladies and gentlemen," said the conjurer, "the experiment I am about to make is one of the greatest interest to every law-abiding person. I propose to show you how, by proper scientific precautions known only to myself, all theft, all dishonesty, may be rendered ineffectual and useless."

Gesticulating and bowing elegantly as he spoke, the conjurer stopped so closely before Johnson that only one thing could happen; and that was inevitable. Johnson

had nothing but one small talent, as I have said; he could pick a pocket very well indeed—probably better than the conjurer. He picked one now. The black thing was a little velvet bag, soft and flat, as Johnson felt when it was safely in his own pocket. And the conjurer, with all eyes on him, went on.

"Just consider, now, how valuable my process would be to the Government of this country. Half the police force might be disbanded and most of the magistrates pensioned off. People like our friend John, alias Jones, alias Barker, alias Jenkinson, would have to turn honest or starve. Now for the experiment."

He turned and caught Johnson once more by the collar.

"Here, you see, is the pickpocket whom I brought straight out of Oxford Street by the exercise of the wonderful scientific law to which I have alluded. Here he is, with your valuables in his pocket, as you have observed with your own eyes. Now I shall send Johnson away—turn him out, kick him out—from this place and let him run where he likes; and when he is gone I shall endeavour by my scientific process to bring your valuables back here, just as I brought Johnson himself, and restore them to you in a way that I hope will surprise you.

"Now, Johnson, alias Jones, alias Barker, alias Jenkinson, out you go, and keep what you've got if you can! Ladies and gentlemen, you will agree that I could not afford to kick a confederate—he would give me away. So as a guarantee of good faith I kick Johnson off the platform. Hall porter! Run this man off the premises and never let him come here again!"

He swung Johnson to the end of the platform, thrust him over the edge with hand and foot, and stood bowing and waving his wand as the porter bundled the victim out. "Good-bye, Mr. Johnson!" cried the conjurer; "good-bye! Run as hard as ever you can!"

As soon as Johnson reached the street he obeyed this order with all the strength of his legs, barely observing from the corner of his eye that the front of the hall was covered with posters announcing afternoon and evening performances by the great Lucifo, the wizard of Andalusia.

And when he had run some distance he turned into a dark entry and there disentangled from the velvet bag the gold watch, the three rings, the chain, the gold pencil-case and the silver match-box.

"He was mighty anxious," reflected Johnson, "for some proof that I wasn't his pal. Well, he's got it now, and I hope he's satisfied."

For some days Johnson never ventured out till after dark; but his days at home were not dull, for he had bought a small collection of newspapers, wherefrom he derived solace and chuckles as he read and read again under the headings: "Riotous Scene at an Entertainment," "Extraordinary Scene at St. Basil's Hall," "Serious Attack on a Conjurer," and in the case of one irresponsible paper, "Lucifo Lamentably Left."

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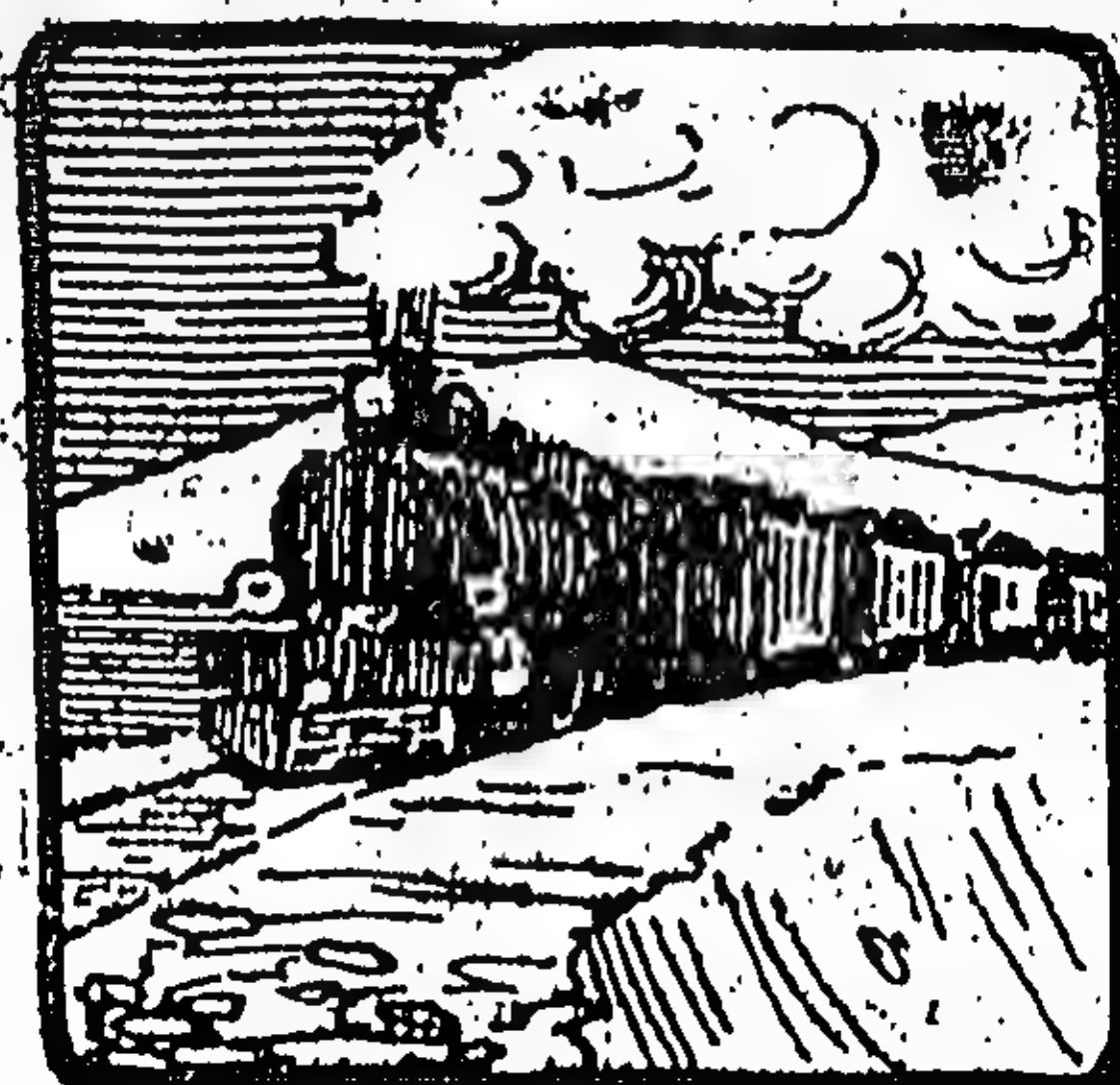
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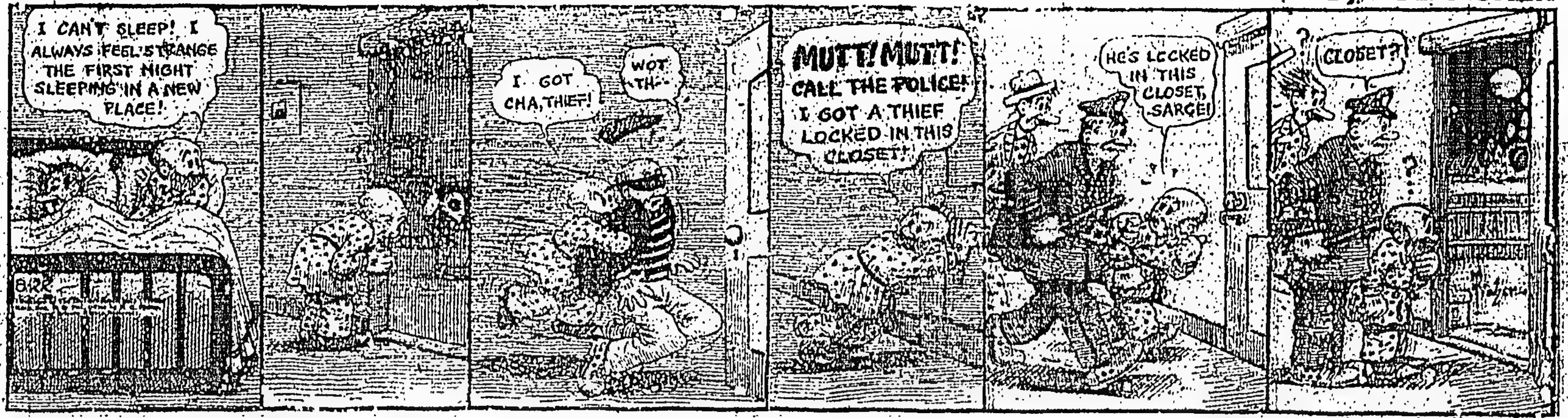
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

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due to physical maladjustment and require the expert supervision of physicians. But the majority of fat women are fat solely because they are sluggish and have little determination. They say they want to reduce, but they do nothing about controlling their food intake or exercising stubborn excess flesh off their bones.

Why Be Fat?

An overweight woman may joke about her avoirdupois in company but I'll bet she is not so happy about her figure when she looks into a full-length mirror. There is no denying that overweight is dangerous to health, that it is a foe of complete happiness and that it is definitely unlovely. So, why be fat if it is within one's power to slim?

To slim requires intelligence, a knowledge of food, or a programme for eating, and a determination to be slender, lovely looking, and happy. There are no short cuts to slimness, once you have allowed your body to become heavily padded with flesh. Massage is good, but it is not sufficient. You must slim yourself. Roll and kick and twist your body into proportion and cut down on

the foods which create fat. There is no need to starve, in fact you must eat sufficient food to create the energy you need each day. But begin to reeducate your palate—make it desire the foods that are good for you and slimming at the same time.

Make Up Your Mind

Snap out of that sluggish state you are in and make up your mind to slim to beauty. Then stick to your decision—don't waver just because you are at bridge or lunching with a friend. When you open the ice-box resist taking a snack of this and that. Settle your meal hours—eight in the morning, twelve, thirty promptly for luncheon, and seven for dinner. Between meals, keep your body and mind occupied so you won't think of eating. Have you ever noticed how frequently you take snacks between meals when you are loitering about on a Sunday? Why? You haven't enough to do. Your mind and body are bored so they say to you, "Let's eat something. That's something to do at least!" So you go to the icebox and eat. If you had been playing a game, looking, sewing or were otherwise occupied, you would never have thought about food.

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London After A Month's Raids

THE NAZIS ARE naturally trying to cheer up their people with descriptions of a London in ruins, and the German radio yesterday quoted an un-named American journalist as having told a Lisbon newspaper that he was returning to the United States because conditions in London had become unbearable.

Actually, this paper interviewed five American journalists, including Vincent Sheean and H. R. Knickerbocker.

The paper says that all these five, though of different temperament and from different war-zones, agree on one fact—they believe fully in an English victory.

All the journalists, especially those from London, say that England is proving she can resist all air attacks and enemy raiders are meeting with ever-increasing British determination.

The English are doing excellently, the paper quotes the journalists as saying, and may soon establish air superiority.

In London yesterday, the commentator of the Mutual Broadcasting Service told his American listeners that London's spirit is as good as ever and so far military damage to London has been "little or nothing."

It is true, he said, that docks and warehouses have been bombed, but the great bulk of the damage has been to non-military objectives.

The Verdict

Yesterday, at the invitation of the Government, provincial journalists toured London, from the docklands to Buckingham Palace, and their verdict was unanimous about the damage—"bad enough in places but on the whole not nearly as bad as we thought."

They agreed that London is keeping business going as usual and is almost unaffected from the military point of view.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S BIG MEAT CONTRACT

Renewal of the contract between the Ministry of Food and the Australian authorities for the supply of meat to Britain is on the verge of signature, Reuter understands.

The present contract, which expired at the end of September, assumed a shipment of 260,000 tons of meat of all kinds but owing to pressure on British storage capacity and the presence of what is believed to be more than adequate supplies in England, rather less than that amount was actually shipped.

It is believed that final details regarding the exact amount under the new contract have not been decided but it is expected to amount to about 250,000 tons of beef, mutton, lamb and pork.

General price level is said to be much the same as for last year's contract, with a few minor adjustments mostly in a downward direction.—Reuter.

AIR RAID VICTIMS FUND GROWS

MANY MORE GIFTS WERE RECEIVED YESTERDAY FOR THE LORD MAYOR'S FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF AIR RAID VICTIMS, THE LATEST BEING FURTHER DONATIONS OF £20,000 AND £16,000 FROM MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY RESPECTIVELY.

Further contributions came in from New York and Shanghai.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S SHARP NOTE TO RUMANIA

A further Note regarding the unexplained detention of five British subjects was lodged yesterday by the British Minister in Bucharest, Sir Reginald Hoare.

The Note demands information when the arrested persons will be released or, alternatively, the exact nature of the charges against them, and when it is proposed they will be tried.

In the meantime, all is mystery, as both the police and the Iron Guard continue to deny knowledge of the arrest of Mr. A. Miller, administrator of the Astra-Romana Oil Co.—Reuter.

DRIVEN OUT OF WARSAW

OVER 15,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DRIVEN FROM WARSAW IN THE PAST THREE WEEKS, IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

These unhappy people were not allowed to say good-bye to relatives or friends and nothing is known of their fate.—Reuter.

BIZARRE HIGHWAY ROBBERY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The most bizarre and gruesome highway robbery in Shanghai's history of crime occurred yesterday morning when a young Chinese woman struggling through a flooded street in French-town had a finger bitten off by robbers. Two men told her to hand over her valuables, including a gold ring. Refusing to comply, the woman cried for help, and suddenly one of the bandits grabbed her hand and bit off the finger wearing the ring. The robbers made their getaway.—Havas.

PEIPING'S LEAFLET RAID

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was announced in Chengtu yesterday that when Chinese planes flew over Peiping on Wednesday, they dropped 200,000 leaflets containing General Chiang Kai-shek's declarations of July 7 and September 18.

It is recalled that the first declaration was a manifesto to the Chinese people on the occasion of the third anniversary of the Lo-kouchiao incident, the second was a proclamation to the Chinese and Japanese people on the occasion of the ninth anniversary of the Mukden incident.—Havas.

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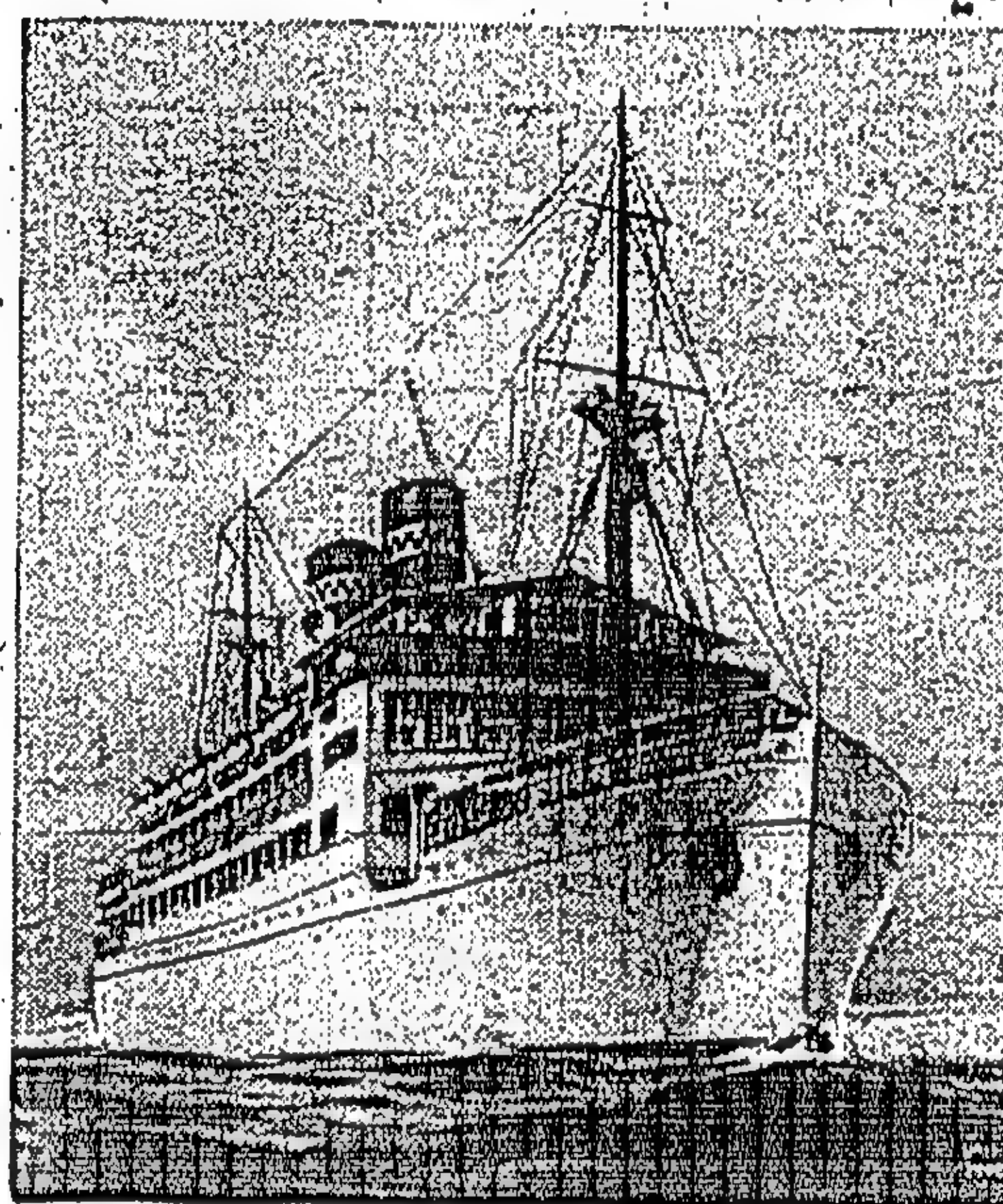
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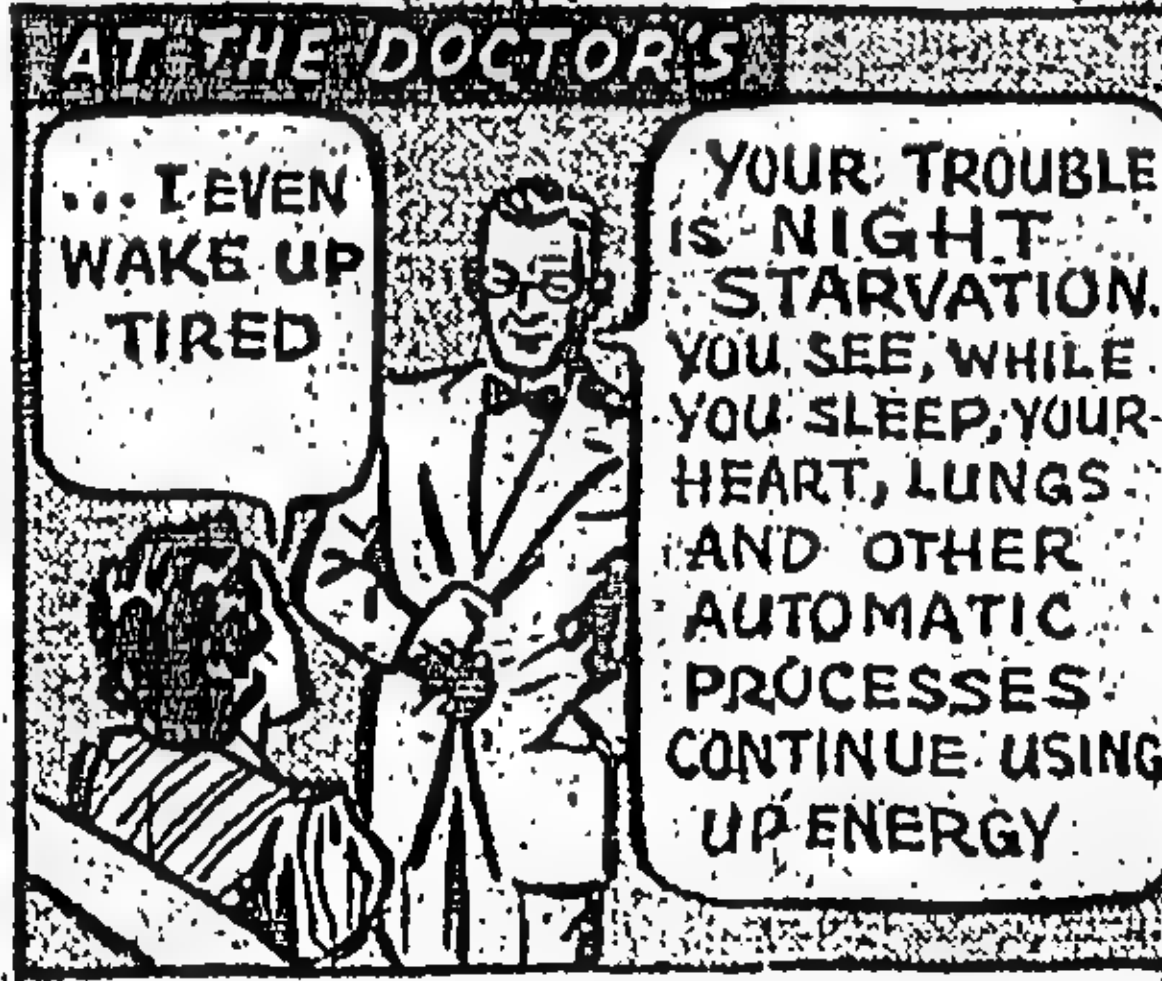
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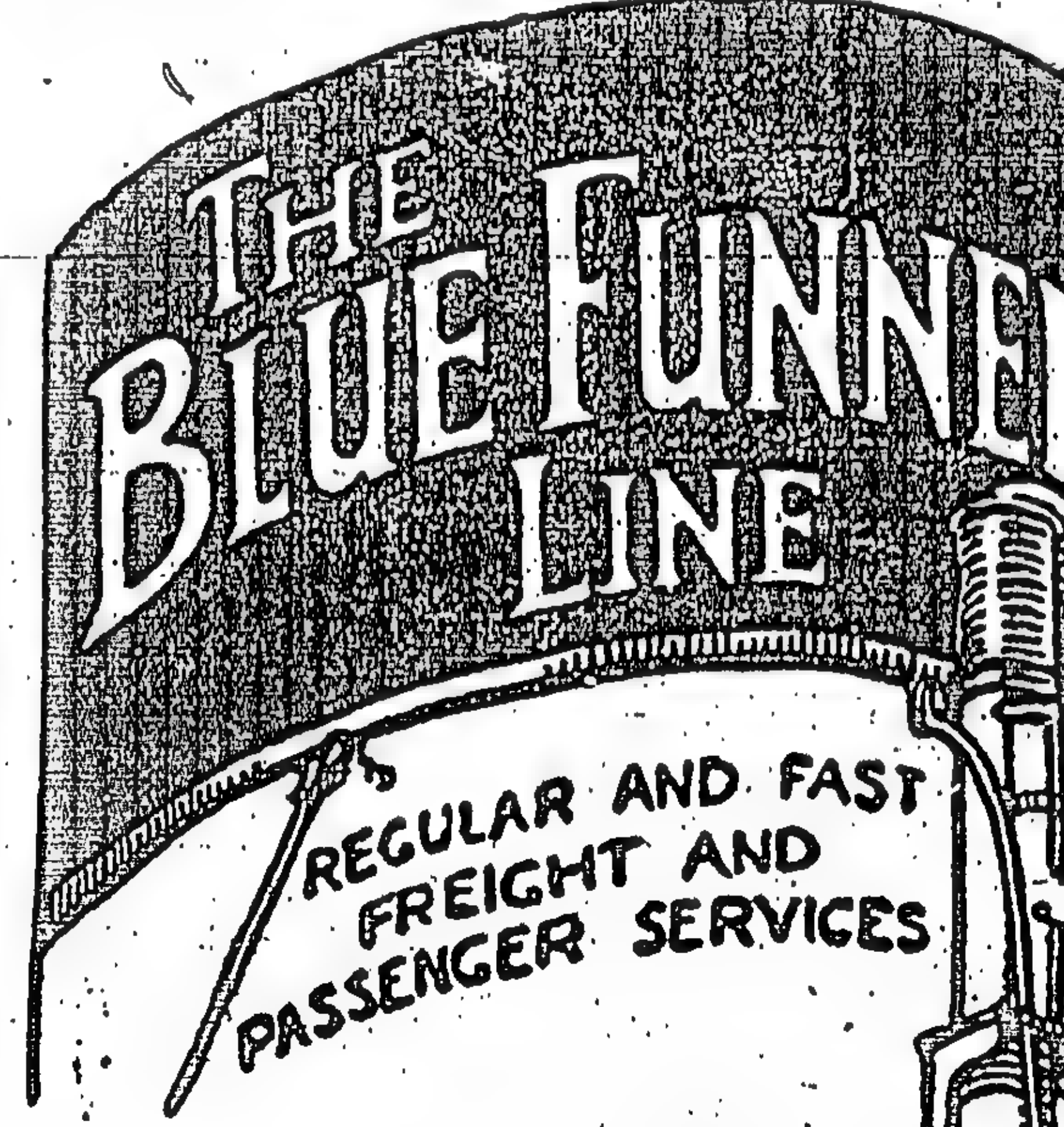
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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.02 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"London"—a Somewhat misadventured tour of the Capital of the British Empire.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety with Flotsam and Jetsam.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Dance Music.

6.32 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.34 p.m.—Two of Charlie Kunz' Piano Medleys.

6.45 p.m.—London Relay—"Melody Match"—A Competition.

7.15 p.m.—Boston Promenade Orch.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—"The News."

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Studio—a talk by "Eeyore" on the Competition held in the Hong Kong Radio Review during September on "Cautionary Tales."

8.25 p.m.—Rouse—Merchant of Venice—Suite.

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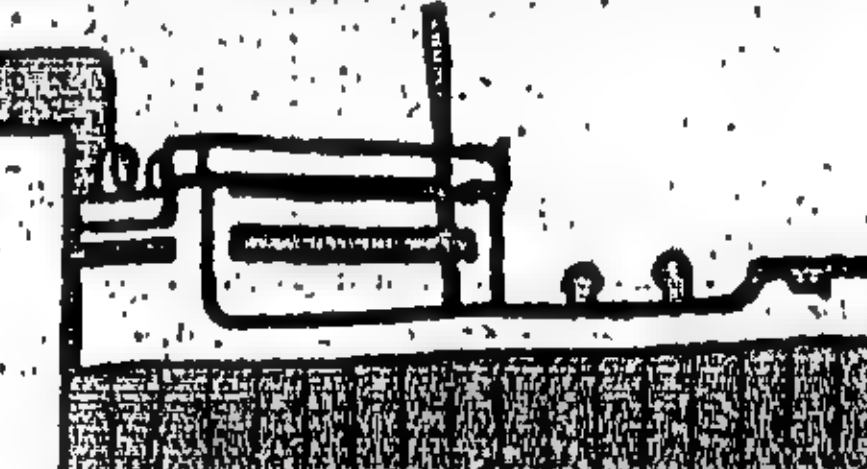
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CRAIGENGOWER CERTAIN OF BEING SENIOR RUNNERS-UP

By "Skip"

THERE WAS LITTLE of interest in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday although the three teams in the running for the top position in Second Division all won their games, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, who are the most comfortably situated, having the biggest win of the day and Kowloon Football Club the second best.

Taikoo finished their programme with a win against Police and now have 28 points—the same as the Austin Road team who play the Civil Servants away to-morrow in their last match which they ought to win.

Should they be beaten, however, there could be a triple tie if Kowloon Football Club win both their remaining two games.

Craigengower assured themselves of runners-up position by beating Kowloon Dock at Hung Hom, though the margin in their favour was only small. On the other hand it should be noted that the visitors had not a very strong team out, Omar having a third team player in his rink as well as Bill Penney, who although worth his place, does not play regularly in the League.

Omar's Lost Chance

This rink, strange to say, was well ahead of McKelvie's for a long time and actually led by 15-4 but the home four finished up strongly to win by a singleton and so rob Omar of what chance he had of being the champion skip.

This honour deservedly goes to Carlos Silva, who has not been beaten in the 16 games which he has so far played this season.

Bob Morrison was again in good form against Basa and lost by only a couple of shots but Rosset's rink had a slight edge on Kempton's and had a margin of seven at the finish.

The Indians had a very weak Civil Service team against them and had little difficulty in winning, though Jack Hollidge continued to show good form in getting the better of A. R. Minu, skipping in place of Dallah who was not available. Jeff Hoosen took Minu's place as three to A. R. Minu and did quite well as number three, though lead is his usual position. The rink won by 10 shots but Abbas went even better in beating Harry Strange.



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It looked as if there would be a record score in Hall's game against John Basto, as the visitor's led at tea-time by no less than 21 shots to two. The home four then began to do better though they went down by a dozen.

Adam Holland was unable to play and Hyde Lay skipped in his place, Willie Walker going as third man where he was excellent. Seard was brought in as lead but was usually short but Levett did well as did the Portuguese skip, though he lost a four at the last head and so won by only a singleton.

Charlie Roza-Pereira had a poor team out though Vas fully held his own against Deacon who was quite useful as was John Gill as second man. Sheriff, especially in the early stages, was better than his opponent who had more to do.

T.W. CARR LIES "FOUR BOTTLES"—GETS NOWT!

By "Skip"

ALTHOUGH TAIKOO HAD A CLEAR CUT WIN AGAINST POLICE I THOUGHT THEY WOULD HAVE HAD A MUCH BIGGER MARGIN THAN 17 IN THEIR FAVOUR.

The homesters had three First Division men in their team, which strengthened it a lot.

Jimmy Chalmers was trailing until a seven put him on the road to victory and he never looked back. Keown was similarly placed against Aitken but it was steady, rather than dramatic, scoring which brought him ultimate victory. Donald Munro, on the other hand, always kept ahead of Willie Dall in spite of the latter having Ted Post as his right hand man.

Cornell played a deadly game as lead to R. R. Davies who did remarkably well to beat Bob Duncan at Austin Road. The other Cricket Club rinks were never in the running, Archie Nissim having 37 chalked up against him to which he replied with ten, reaching double figures—the losing team's goal in many cases—by means of a three at the last head. Lockhart's four were far too good for the visitors, whilst Brown, after holding Drew for half the game, rather went to pieces.

Poor Opposition

Kowloon Cricket Club had to make several changes in their team to oppose Kowloon Football Club and put up very poor opposition apart from Overy who held Bill Simpson to a single shot.

Younghusband had one of the season's best flukes when, with the opposition lying "four bottles," he wicketed off a wood six feet wide to secure second shot. He eventually beat Tommy Carr

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"CHINA MAIL" CUP

By "Skip"

The Inter-Unit Knock-out Rink Competition for the "China Mail" Cup is well under way and sets of rules, together with entrance forms, have been sent to all Unit Commanders.

The rules, a set of which I have before me, are quite simple although the one which reads:

"Providing that two of the original players play through the competition, substitutes who shall not have previously played in a rink which has been eliminated, will be allowed. These substitutes need not carry on until the rink is eliminated."

may need some elaboration, not so much to clarify it as to give the reason it was made. It was pointed out at the meeting that members of certain teams might be on duty on Sunday morning and although they might manage to play in the first round, they could not turn out for the second, yet might again be available for the next one.

The rule was formulated to meet such a case as in one or two instances rinks could not otherwise have been entered and it was wished to secure as many entries as possible.

It should be noted, by the way, that entries will now close at 5 p.m. (by hand) or first post on Wednesday next and not on the Friday as was originally intended.

This was due to the fact, firstly, that Thursday is a holiday, and secondly that two of the sub-committee will be out training on the Friday. The draw will be announced in the mid-day papers on Friday.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

THERE has been a tendency in the Alleys of late for pairs challenge matches, the idea being for the weaker pair to ascertain their standing against a stronger pair.

I am inclined to foster this idea because as a rule the weaker pair, with the added incentive, produce a standard above their normal.

There was such a challenge match played last Thursday between four players, all of the Royal Corps of Signals.

G. Birkett and H. Hall challenged J. H. Watts and H. Blount to a 5-game match, which resulted for an easy victory for the latter pair by 133 pins. The individual scores being as follows:—

	Total		Total
H. Blount	848	G. Birkett	794
J. H. Watts	817	H. Hall	738

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Blount, as usual, was top-scorer with 848 and another two pins would have given him an average of 170 pins per game. Watts was second highest scorer with a good 817, or almost a 164 pin average. Feature of Watts' and Blounts' scoring was the consistency of their bowling.

In the case of Watts his lowest score was 153 and his highest 171. In the case of Blount his lowest score was 163 and highest 182. Birkett did quite well to make a good 794 or an average of 159 pins per game, and while Hall was lower than his usual, his 738 or 148 average nevertheless was fair.

Intra-Ship Match

There was a match arranged

RIBEIRO'S GREAT SHOT

By "Skip"

Much has been written about the Open Pairs Final but I cannot omit a reference to it. The play of F. V. V. Ribeiro was really outstanding and it can be said that on the day's play U. M. Omar met his master which is "a most unusual thing" as Albert says on one of his records.

He will agree—Omar, I mean, not Albert—I think that he usually had the position when the skips went down as Dick Alves had quite an off day especially for the first 12 or 14 heads when A. M. Omar was playing very well indeed. But Chico usually undid the younger brother's good work, often consolidating his own good shots.

The plum of the afternoon was towards the end when he nominated what would otherwise have been thought a fluke, to secure the shot when the Omars lay three or four in what appeared to be an impregnable position. It was a great match, well worthy of the occasion and one which will long be remembered by those who saw it.

BOWLS TEAMS

Following bowls teams have been selected for Saturday:—

K.C.C.

First Division (v. K.D.R.C., home)—G. Lee, A. W. Smith, W. Hyde and E. Kern (skip); W. Parsons, G. C. Moss, J. Fraser and F. Goodwin (skip); V. C. Laburn, T. A. Madar, A. W. Ramsey, and E. C. Fincher (skip).

Friendly Match (v. K.T.G.C.A., home)—T. C. Tibble, R. Leigh, G. Taylor and T. V. Carr (skip); R. E. Lee, A. E. Perry, R. H. E. Marks and Overy (skip); F. Curtis, F. A. Fabel, D. Jack and Meadows (skip).

C.S.C.C.

First Division (v. Revere "A", home)—J. Gellauf, A. B. Allen, J. W. Deakin

and M. N. Rakusen (skip); M. E. Purvis, J. Hempsey, W. J. Burling and H. E. Strange (skip); C. J. Walker, W. E. Colledge, J. F. McGowan and J. Hollidge (skip).

Second Division (v. K.B.G.C., home)—T. Seddon, M. Scott, E. Kirmon and S. Eccleshall (skip); P. D. Crawley, S. Morris, H. F. Harper and C. Strange (skip); A. F. Shepherd, J. R. Carr, F. S. Austin and W. R. Hillyer (skip).

Second Division (v. C.C.C., home)—G. R. Razavet, J. L. Mount, A. Nissim and G. E. Costello (skip); B. J. Lacin, A. T. Lay, W. A. Cornell and R. R. Davies (skip); P. S. Cassidy, W. A. Cruickshank, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (skip).

between the "Asheville" C.P.O.'s and the "Asheville" Ship's team on September 28, which resulted in a very decided win for "Asheville" C.P.O.'s by no less than 427. A. J. Bishoff of "Asheville" and H. B. Wilkins of Royal Corps of Signals played in the place of C.P.O. Summers and C.P.O. Cooley. The individual scores were as follows:—

"ASHEVILLE" C.P.O.'s	Total	"ASHEVILLE" TEAM	Total
E. L. Wood	779	W. J. Balaski	726
H. B. Wilkins	769	Joe Harvey	668
G. C. Merkel	744	C. J. Fleming	660
A. J. Bishoff	741	J. E. Harman	552
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Wood was top scorer of the match with a useful 779 or an average of 156 pins per game. This is a fine score but this player would certainly have topped the 800 mark had he not started off with a poor 125 on his first game; his remaining four games were very consistent, his lowest being 151 and his highest 169.

H. B. Wilkins for C.P.O.'s was second top-scorer with a good 769, or an average of 154 pins per game. Again, in Wilkins' case, he would have reached the 800 score, if he had not failed on his third and fifth games—he made only 124 and 130 respectively.

Merkel for C.P.O.'s did not do as well as expected, his 744 being below his usual accomplishment. He was somewhat erratic, bagging the highest individual score of the match on his first game—a good 192—and a useful 173 on his third game, yet on his second, fourth and fifth games he collapsed badly to make 122, 129 and 128. Merkel can do better than this!

Bishoff for C.P.O.'s did very well indeed to make 741 or an average of 148 pins per game. It was a good effort and had he not made a lowly 102 on his third game he might conceivably have had 800 or close to it; also I believe this was only Bishoff's first or second match game in these Alleys.

Off Form

The "Asheville" Team were without doubt completely off form. Balaski was the top scorer for his side with 726 or an average of 145 pins per game, but it will be noticed that this score was not as high as the lowest score of the C.P.O.'s.

Joe Harvey was second highest for the "Asheville" team with 668 or an average of 134. On tracing back through his bowling records in these Alleys I find that this score is the lowest he has ever put up in the Alleys—just imagine this veteran bowler making such a lowly score as 109 which he did on his second game.

Fleming for the "Asheville" team made 660 or 132 pins average.

Harman has only played one or two match games in these Alleys, and this probably accounted for his low score of 552 or average of 110 pins per game. There was no doubt that the "Asheville" team were thoroughly out of form.

Another Challenge Game

There was another pairs challenge game played off on Tuesday, between four of the best bowlers in the Alleys. Cpl. Watts and Cpl. Blount were pitted against Doc. Molthen and Ernie Hearther.

The challenge is a 20-game match to be played off in four matches of five games each. The first of the series was played off on Tuesday, October 1 and resulted in first blood to Doc. Molthen and Ernie Hearther, an advantage of 32 pins being secured. The second match will take place on Tuesday, October 8 at 8 p.m. The individual scores for the first match were as follows:—

Ernie Hearther 876 J. H. Watts 849 Doc. Molthen 830 H. Blount 823

It can be seen the scoring all round was fairly even and had Watts not failed miserably on his fifth game to make only 120, it is a moot point who would have won the first encounter.

2-Day Meeting Starts To-morrow

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COMDR. CRAVEN TO MAKE DEBUT: MR. NEEDA BACK

By "Rapier"

THE EIGHTH EXTRA Race Meeting, under the auspices of Hong Kong Jockey Club, will start to-morrow at the Valley and will be resumed on Thursday, the "Double Tenth" holiday. The first Saddle Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on both days.

Given fine weather a record crowd is expected and interest will be greatly enhanced as the sum of \$6,425 in the "Double" pool has been carried over from the last meeting.

The programme for each day will consist of eight events, most important being the October Handicap over the Champions distance to-morrow, and the "Double Tenth Plate" on Thursday from the 1-1/2 Mile Post. These are handicap events and are confined to China ponies of any season, the race on Thursday being barred to the winner of the October Handicap, 1940.

Commander Craven, a new arrival from Gibraltar, who has had a great deal of racing experience at Home, will make his local debut to-morrow, while Mr. Li Shiu-fai, son of Mr. Li Po-chun, will also make an initial appearance as a Novice jockey. With Mr. V. V. Needa, the former Shanghai crack jockey, having returned from the North after a short holiday, there should be keen competition for honours amongst the jockeys.

RACE NO. 1 CARNARVON STAKES: ONE MILE

Opening race of the day is confined to China ponies, griffins of this season that have not won more than \$750 in stakes, and are to be ridden by jockeys who have not won 10 races anywhere at any time.

Registering Time with Mr. Wei up won the Island Bay Handicap (First Section) for "C" Class, China ponies at the last meeting and as it will be ridden by Mr. Yeung Wing Kwai, a fast improving Novice jockey, it should win again, providing it can reproduce its previous form.

Eve of Dancing has also been entered and as the distance is longer, coupled with the fact that it will be ridden again by Mr. Wood, this combination is worth considering.

In my opinion, however, Smashing Through (Mr. S. W. Lee) is the only pony likely to extend Registering Time, as it is in fine condition at the moment.

For All Time, which has now fully recovered from its leg trouble, is now in fine fettle and will be taken care of by Mr. Li Shiu-fai, the owner's son and, as it will be carrying about 55 lb. deadweight, it is unlikely to do better than place.

RACE NO. 2 JORDAN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ABOUT HALF MILE 155 YARDS

This is a sprint event and is confined to first section of "D" Class, China ponies.

Although Portrush (Mr. H. S. Chang) had the better of Sunlight View (Mr. Pih) at the last meeting in the Junk Bay Handicap (First Section) I am inclined to believe that to-morrow, in view of the short distance, Sunlight View, given topweight of 168 lb., is likely to reverse this result.

At any rate the finish should again be fought out between these two ponies with Sunlight View having a slight advantage. There are also Eve of Hunting (Commander Craven) and Smiling Time (Mr. Wei) to be reckoned with as both ponies are capable of causing an upset, although the latter ran unplaced at the last meeting.

For an outsider I would suggest West Lake as it will be ridden by Mr. Chao.

RACE NO. 3 OCTOBER HANDICAP: ONE AND A QUARTER MILES

This is the main event of the afternoon and the cream of the "A" Class China ponies will participate. There should be a grand struggle with a thrilling finish, probably. Weights have been judiciously distributed.

Confusion Bay, since coming in

third to Burford in the Champion Stakes, has not been seen in action; it has been given topweight of 168 lb. and, as it will be ridden by Mr. Needa for the first time to-morrow, coupled with its fitness at the moment, I believe that it has a good chance of scoring a win here.

There is, however, Eve of Harvest (Mr. Black) to be reckoned with; it will be carrying 147 lb. against 145 lb. when it won the Whitsun Plate in record time over the Champions distance at the 5th Extra Meeting.

Craigavad (Mr. H. C. Pih), carrying 151 lb., was second to Eve of Harvest when it lost by 1 1/2 lengths in the above race through a belated challenge on the part of the rider who was deprived of the use of the whip. To-morrow it has an advantage of 5 lb. from the Eve pony and, as the jockey will have the use of his whip, I expect it to give the above-mentioned ponies a good fight if it does not actually win. This pony has improved considerably since the Summer recess.

The race is likely to be fought out at a terrific pace with the result in doubt until the end. O-Lan (Mr. Sung) is the outsider in this race.

RACE NO. 4 AUSTIN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE

This race is confined to first section of "B" Class, China ponies, and, judging by its win at the last meeting in the Tweed Island Bay Handicap, Conquering Time (Mr. Wei) still has a chance of winning although it has been penalised by 5 lb. which I believe it can handle.

Bear Claw ridden by Mr. Treverton on its last outing, ran unplaced but as Mr. Black, its regular jockey, will be taking it out on this occasion, it will probably do better and should be well up at the finish.

Humdrum Eve (Mr. Pih), which won the Mount Davis Handicap at the Fourth Extra Meeting, did not start at the last meeting in the Tweed Island Bay Handicap although entered, and I have a feeling that its connection is reserving it for this event which it is quite capable of winning.

Mr. Hearne has the choice of either Gay Star or Hopeful Star and whichever one he takes out is dangerous. Jennifer will be taken out by Mr. Needa instead of Mr. Proulx to-morrow and as its weight is only 144 lb. I think this combination is worth \$5 each way.

Ronson (Mr. Poy) was a disappointment over the sprint race and finished nowhere the last time out; it might make amends to-morrow.

RACE NO. 5 CANTALA HANDICAP: 1 1/4 MILES

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double" and is confined to "B" Class, Australian Subscription ponies; it is certainly no easy matter to pick the winner which will probably be one of the following:

Fair Chance (Mr. Proulx), Murrumbidgee (Mr. Black), Rowan (Mr. Hearne), Springhurst (Mr. Poy).

Triumphant Day (Mr. Sung), Springhurst, which was second to Viceroy in the Vauluse Handicap at the last meeting over six furlongs, has been penalised by 3 lb. Although the pony finished full of running, I am afraid that the distance may be too long for it, unless Mr. Poy can hold it until the last half-mile and then let go. Rowan was third in this same race when it dead-heated with Pumpernickel but as the distance is longer, I think its chance of winning here is very bright.

Murrumbidgee is very lightly treated and judging from past performances I consider this pony very dangerous as it is very fit at the moment. Fair Chance ran unplaced in the above race against Springhurst and Rowan, probably due to the shortness of the distance, but it is quite capable of distinguishing itself.

Triumphant Day, although it has not fully recovered its old form, and has been inconsistent, may well give the above-mentioned ponies a good run for first position.

RACE NO. 6 JORDAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ABOUT HALF MILE 155 YARDS

This race will be contested by the second section of "D" Class, China ponies. Having placed second in the Junk Bay Handicap (Second Section) to March Brown over the mile at the last meeting when ridden by Mr. Yeung Wing Kwai, Double Chance has been allotted topweight of 168 lb. It will be taken care of by Mr. L. B. Chao, who has had a win at Macao over the sprint event carrying the maximum weight, and I believe it stands a chance of winning. Main challenge will come from Bressay, which is also carrying 168 lb. and, with Mr. B. L. Tao on top, should redeem itself in this race as it is fast over this distance.

Piet Hein is another pony which may come home a winner. Emergency Call, if ridden by Mr. Black, should be a dangerous contender, as these two form a good combination. Valorous (Mr. Hearne) and Ascot Vale (Mr. P. R. Botelho) are also good enough to win.

RACE NO. 7 AUSTIN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE

The result of the second leg of the "Daily Double" will be decided on this race, which will be confined to second section "B" Class China ponies, and the winner will no doubt come from one of the following:

Avon (Mr. Black), Expansion Time (Mr. Wei), King Kong (Commander Craven).

Peaceful View (Mr. Pih). Avon has been demoted from the first section and is therefore allotted topweight of 168 lb. and, although the weight is rather severe, I think it is capable of handling this burden and so give the others a good fight, if not actually winning.

Expansion Time, which lost to Gay Star at the Fifth Extra Meeting in the Lama Handicap over 1 1/4 miles, has grown in substance and, judging from its work-out in the morning training, I think it has a very good chance of winning; it should be seriously challenged by Peaceful View, however, which is very light and fit at the moment.

King Kong is also good enough to win and, although taken out by a newcomer, should not be disregarded.

I tip Peaceful View to win.

RACE NO. 8 WILLIAMSTOWN HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This race will wind up the first day's programme and "D" Class Australian ponies will participate. Tarzan, with Mr. Wei up, came second to a Green Time in the Port Phillip Handicap at the last meeting and has been penalised by 7 lb. and, although it is fast over sprint events, I am afraid that the distance may be just a bit too much for it.

Catterick Bridge did quite well to come fourth after a bad start at the last meeting, against a Green Time, and should Mr. Hearne decide to take it out to-morrow, it should not be ignored as it is good, although liable to shy at the gate.

Grand Allegiance (Mr. Pih) has been most unreliable in its outings, and I am afraid to recommend it for a win, but a \$5 bet on it this trip may turn out profitable.

Venus Bay disappointed last time out under Mr. Sung, when it was made hot favourite, and over this longer distance and with a change of jockey in Mr. Needa,

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

TUESDAY evening brought us to the end of the Small Units Water Polo competition with the final match being played between Hong Kong Signal Company and "A" Company of the Middlesex Regiment.

The game was played at the Queen's Road swimming pool with Cpl. Nichol of the R.A.M.C. in charge.

Signals played well and deserved the honour of being champions. Their combination was far superior to that of their opponents. They opened the scoring after three minute's play and from then on took control of the game with the Middles trying hard to score, although most of their efforts were smashed by the fine play of the defenders. P.S.M. Uro was badly missed by the losers and with him in it might have been a different tale. Pitcher of the Signals played an excellent game and scored five of his side's six, the other goal came from Digmnn. Allen was taking no chances with Jennings of the Middlesex and marked him well. Freshwater was the best player on the Middles' side, although a little unsteady and often left his man to get away with the ball.

The Final of the Large Units' Water Polo Competition will be played next week, time and date to be notified later. This should prove to be a keen game especially as the units partaking in this final are Signals and Middlesex, who both have excellent water-polo teams.

The Small Units have once again retained the Aggregate Cup for Swimming for 1940.

The Signals have also won the Departmental Corps League for Water Polo and will be presented with the KAY LEE Cup.

LAST Monday, at Sookunpoo, Royal Army Service Corps played one of His Majesty's Ships in a friendly game and lost 4-2. S/S. Williams did not play as well as usual. Cpl. Govier scored the

Hockey Corps' two goals—this was his first game of the season—and with a little more practice he should turn out to be one of their best players. Logan and Pearn, the inside men, played well together and have a perfect combination, while Ashman in the pivot line was outstanding and caused many upsets to the opposing forwards, although they were the victors.

The Combined Military Hospital, Kowloon, are a late entry for the Departmental Corps Hockey League which starts this month, and here are their fixtures:

To be played before—18th October—R.A.M.C. v C.M.H.; 24th October—C.M.H. v R.A.O.C.; 1st November—R.A.S.C. v C.M.H.; 8th November—C.M.H. v Signals; 15th November—R.A.F. v C.M.H.

Kumaon Rifles beat the Rajputana Rifles in a friendly game at Shamshui on Wednesday by 3-1. Both teams turned out their strongest side.

Middlesex are holding their battalion trial on Monday at Shamshui, bully-off 4.30 p.m.

The Signals played the Police at Boundary Street on Tuesday and lost 3-0. They were unfortunate to be without the services of their goal-keeper, who was injured in the first few minutes of the second half, and had to play without him for the rest of the game.

THE Middlesex Regiment are playing Eastern at Sookunpoo on Saturday, kick-off at 4.30 p.m. This should undoubtedly be the finest game of the week, especially with Eastern fielding practically the same side with which they won it may well redeem itself.

Warrego River will be ridden by Mr. Black instead of Mr. Treverton and, as this pony came up strongly at the last meeting, it should put up a good fight. My selections are Catterick Bridge for first place, with Venus Bay and Warrego River fighting out the second position, and Grand Allegiance as the outsider.

the cup last season. Middlesex will still be without Bridge who is on the injured list.

Royal Scots will entertain St. Joseph's at Sookunpoo on Sunday and should not have much trouble in taking both the points.

Middlesex Juniors are playing R.A.S.C. at Sookunpoo on Saturday, kick-off 3.15 p.m. and this also should be worth watching after the brilliant performances the Middles have given us in their previous games.

Royal Engineers will meet Sing Tao in Second Division on Sunday and are confident of winning. If Fox is on form as he was last week, Sing Tao defenders will have to keep a good eye on him. Signals, who will meet 20th Hyv. Bty., R.A., are turning out their strongest team and should win. R.A.M.C. and the R.A.S.C. will be having a battle royal when they meet on Saturday in their Third Division match on the Military ground, Happy Valley.

THE Middlesex Regiment have once again started their Mons Shield cricket games for Platoons of the Battalion, and from this competition they should be able to produce one or two new players for the Regimental team. On Sunday they are having a trial match.

On Wednesday Signals played a friendly with a Navy side and lost by two wickets. Signals batted first and were all out for only 54 runs, Lees making the highest score with eight. The Sailors scored 55 for 8 but batted on and the last wicket produced 56 runs and took their total score to 111.

NEXT Monday and Tuesday brings us to the end of the other ranks singles and doubles tournaments. On Monday the finals of the

Tennis singles will be played at Sookunpoo, and on Tuesday the finals of the doubles will be played at the same place at 4.30 p.m.

Colonel G. R. Hopkins, O.B.E., President of Hong Kong Area Tennis, has kindly consented to present the prizes at the conclusion of the tournament.

CLUB RUGBY TRIAL

The following two fifteens have been selected to play in the first Club Rugby Trial game on the Club ground at 5.15 p.m. sharp on Wednesday next:

Whites: F. H. Thompson; P. B. Wilson; D. Hynes; H. F. Hopkins and H. Van Leeuwen; T. O. Morgan and Clemo; C. M. Stark; J. S. Dunnett; E. W. Stout; R. C. Gardner; L. A. Benn; Didsbury; J. K. Birt and R. Leigh.

Stripes: Moore; E. M. Lavalie; M. G. Carruthers; G. G. Altkenhead and D. B. Nelson; G. D. Day and C. G. Tressidder; R. G. Castleton; F. Burford; E. W. Hackett; S. Lees; J. Moodle; A. G. Dziel; W. Stoker and G. G. Davies.

Reserves: J. Hutchison; R. E. Heesman; H. Dr. Birdwell; C. F. Needham; G. B. Godfrey; J. Roscoe; J. Thompson; D. I. Bosanquet; J. Redman; Oleson; Birch; McCormick; J. C. Charter; I. M. Macrae; D. H. Stewart and A. M. Kennedy.

Reserves are requested to be on the field stripped at the same hour as they will be called on to play during the trial.

As players will be interchanged during the game, will all turning out please bring with them a white and a coloured jersey. Newcomers and old-timers not included above and wishing to play should turn up as they are assured of a game.

After the trial a meeting will be held in the Clubhouse at roughly 7 p.m. for the purpose of selecting Club's vice-captain. Newcomers are Clemo, Didsbury, Moore, Lees, Davies, Oleson, Birch and McCormick.

Brilliant Success For Miss Guterres

Miss Lee Po-Luen Beaten For The First Time This Season

Vivienne Churn's Fine "Butterfly" Display

KWOK CHUN-HANG'S SPECTACULAR COMEBACK EFFORT

By "Adrem"

SWIMMING A WELL-JUDGED RACE, KWOK CHUN-HANG, FORMER COLONY BREAST-STROKE TITLE HOLDER, MADE A RETURN TO THE FRONT RANK WHEN HE WON THE 220 BREAST-STROKE INTERPORT TRIAL AT VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB YESTERDAY FROM FONG CHUNG-YIU, A FIRM FAVOURITE.

Other notable results were Miss Celeste Guterres' surprise win in the 50 yards back-stroke and another fine "butterfly" effort by Miss Vivienne Churn, the Colony champion. Miss Churn had the distinction — in a comparatively new field of activity — of lowering Miss Lee Po-luen's colours over a breast-stroke event for the first time this season.

Several of the candidates for places in the team to meet Manila on the 23, 24 and 25 of this month, failed to turn up and so the swimming yesterday was rather flat.

Lawrence ill

W. Lawrence, who was expected to start in the back-stroke event, is under doctor's advice to confine himself to his home, while B. S. Wilson, the European Y.M.C.A. star, who was conceded a good chance of securing a place in the same event, did not turn up until too late.

As already stated, it was Kwok's fine judgment and experience which gained him first place in the breast-stroke. Fong, followed closely by Ho Pun-kan, led for most of the way and as late as the last 20 yards, the first-named was still well in the lead, with Ho lying second.

Came a fine last-minute rally by the former champion and both he and Fong appeared to touch at the same moment, the verdict finally going in favour of Kwok by the narrow margin of one-fifth of a second.

In the absence of Miss Lily Sadick, who was indisposed, Miss Tsang Fung-kwan of Lai Tsun was favoured to win the ladies' back-stroke. She had not reckoned with Miss Celeste Guterres, however, who got away to a good start, was first at the turn, and got home by a good yard and a half, with Miss Tsang second and Miss Eileen Grant, who did quite well, third.

Easy Win

A. K. Rumjahn was much better than the other contestants in the 220 back-stroke and won by half the length of the bath. Rumjahn took the lead at about the fourth length to leave the rest of the field standing thereafter.

Lau Yiu-ting set a cracking pace for the first four lengths and was a long way out in front, but his lack of training — he has just been posted again to Central after spending over a month at Stanley — made itself evident and he faded out badly towards the end.

In a friendly hockey match, the Officers of the Rajputana Rifles met the Officers of the rest of the military units at Shamshuipo yesterday and won by the odd goal in five after leading one-nil at half-time.

The Rajputana Rifles scored through Lt. Mukhtar Singh (2) and Lt. Sawal Khan shot Lt. Chattey and Lt. Clague scored for Rest.

ALL SQUARE IN WORLD SERIES

Cincinnati Reds won the second game of the World Baseball Series when they beat Detroit Tigers by 5 runs to 3.

In the first game, Detroit Tigers won by 7 runs to 2, after scoring 5 runs in the second inning. Reuter.



MISS LEE PO-LUEN

steady pace throughout and refused to be hurried.

Miss Lee Po-luen, although she was able to cope with one rival using the "butterfly" stroke, could not hold off the challenge of Miss Churn's clean, powerful strokes and met with her first defeat in a major event this season.

Miss Churn must now be considered the leading ladies' breast-stroke exponent, besides already having established herself as the best free-style swimmer. Her time of 37-3/5 seconds might have been even better had she not

fouled the ropes and missed her stroke whilst coming down the second length. As it was she won by nearly three yards — a remarkable feat considering Miss Lee's record.

Several members' handicap events interspersed the programme of Interport trials. The attendance was very poor and it is feared the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund did not benefit to any great extent.

ROYAL SCOTS' GALA

Royal Scots held a gala in the Army pool yesterday, featuring a knock-out water-polo tournament, which resulted in a win for Royal Scots "A" over Signals.

Water-polo Knock-out Tournament.— First Round.— Signals 3 (Bennett 2, Allen) beat H.M.S. Blank 2 (Robinson, Paul); Royal Scots A 5 (Millar 3, Hunter 2) beat Royal Air Force 0. Second Round, Signals 4 (Bennett 2, Bedford, Allen) beat Royal Scots B 0; Royal Scots A 1 (Millar) beat Middlesex 0. Final, Royal Scots A 2 (Millar, Hunter) beat Signals 0.

Invitation Relay.— 1, Volunteers (A. A. da Rosa, A. H. Azedo, Luiz M. Remedios, D. Hutchinson) 2.59; 2, Middlesex.

Women's Invitation Medley Relay.— 1, V.R.C. A (Eileen Grant, Yvonne Yelle, Jackie Anderson), 2.56 3/5.

"REST" TEAM TO MEET CHINESE

Following have been chosen to represent "The Rest" against Combined Chinese in the charity football game on October 10 on Club ground at 4.30 p.m., in aid of the funds of B.F.R.D.C.

Moxham (Engineers); Blackburn (Police) and Sheehan (Middlesex); Honeywell (Navy), Williamson (Kowloon), Wilkinson (Middlesex); B. Gosano (Kwong Wah), Howlett (Police), Fowler (Club), O'Regan (Navy) and Woods (Royal Scots).
Manager:—Mr. W. E. Hollands.

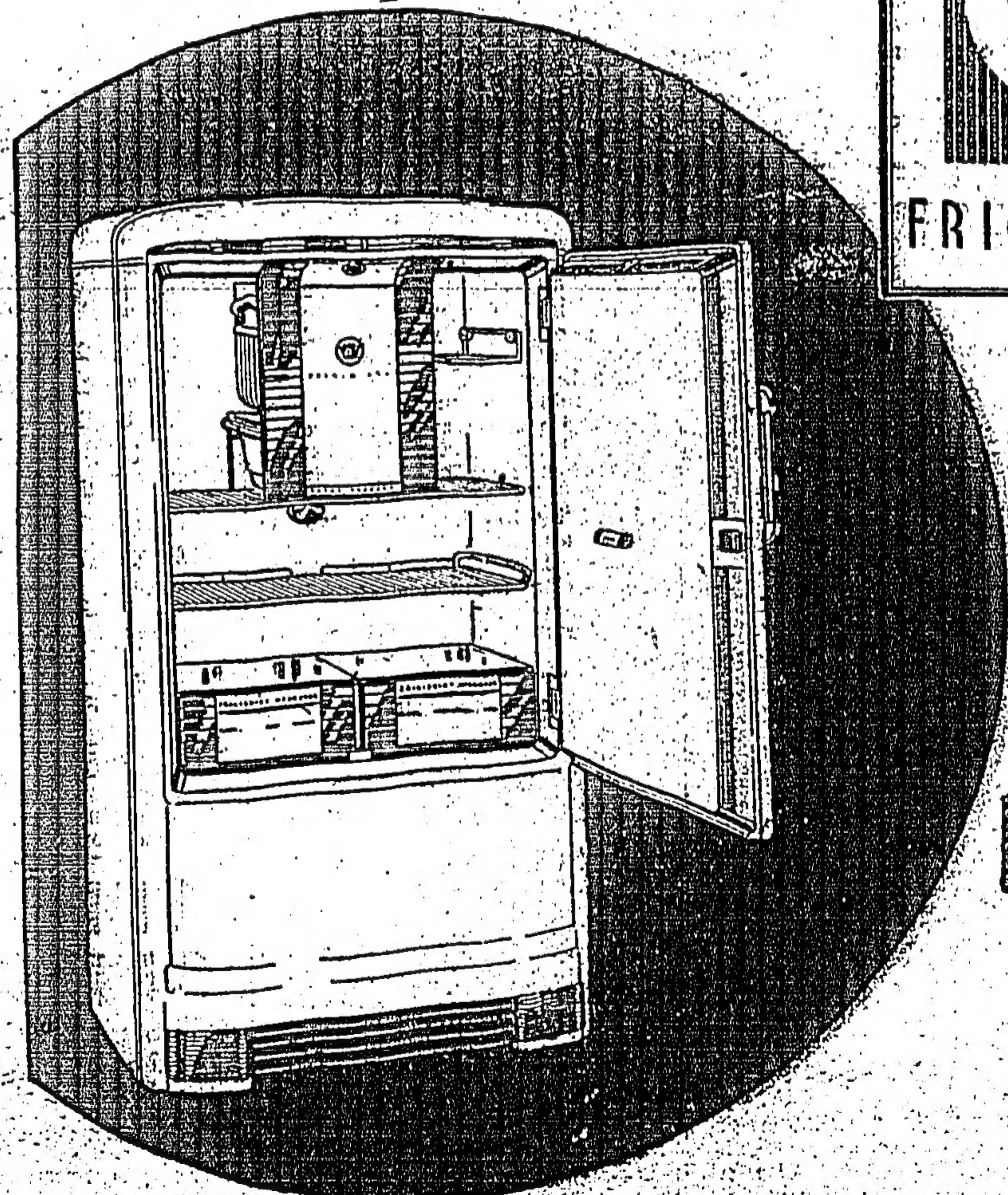
International Team

Following will represent International in Third Division against Engineers at Military ground on Saturday:—

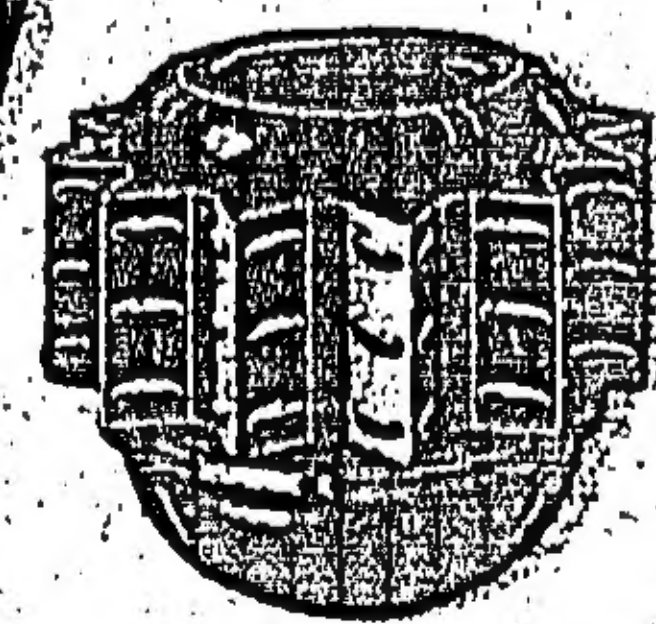
S. Bux, D. Aquino and Z. Gosano; W. Wilkinson, J. Gosano and A. A. Rumjahn; A. Remedios, H. Campos, R. Rocha, V. M. Marques and W. Sprinkle (Capt.).

Reserves:—A. Rocha, J. Tavares, L. Rocha and I. Castilho.

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MACHINE-GUN ATTACK ON EUSTON EXPRESS

Widespread Nazi Raids On Murky Autumn Day "Night" Bombing In The Gloom

AN EXPRESS TRAIN FROM EUSTON TO NORTH OF ENGLAND WAS HEAVILY MACHINE-GUNNED BY GERMAN AIRMEN AND SEVERAL PASSENGERS WOUNDED WHEN PASSING THROUGH A SMALL MIDLAND TOWN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

BLUE STOCKING HITS HSINKING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The special municipality police in Hsinking have instructed all dance hall owners to close their premises on March 15 next year. Owners and taxi dancers have been given six months to adopt another profession. The measure is one of a series imposed against cabarets, bars, tea houses and so forth in Hsinking. —Havas.

The train, which left Euston shortly after mid-day, was stopped a few miles after the attack had ceased, but as none of the wounded were in a serious condition, they were taken on to the next large town to receive hospital treatment.

THE DINING CAR OF THE EXPRESS WAS DAMAGED, BUT THE ATTEMPT OF THE GERMAN AIR FORCE TO BOMB THE TRAIN IN ADDITION WAS UNSUCCESSFUL, THOUGH SOME HIGH EXPLOSIVES WENT QUITE CLOSE.

This was the most exciting incident in a day during which the German Air Force went "night" raiding over England in the first gloom of Britain's autumn.

It was one of those cloudy, murky days when artificial light is needed in large offices, and it produced a variety of methods by the Nazi airmen, which did not include raiding in mass formation.

Single aircraft kept the defences of South-East England and the Home Counties on the qui, vive most of the day, but, or the most part, they kept boys murky clouds and carried

out random bombing in which some London boroughs suffered superficial damage.

Air Ministry Report

Anti-aircraft batteries were active and in the East London district where planes were reported overhead, for a short time every few minutes the barrage was as heavy as night gunfire.

An Air Ministry communique, reviewing the attacks on the basis of reports received up to 4 p.m., says that several houses were demolished in London boroughs, but it is not expected that the casualties will be heavy.

"Elsewhere, bombs were dropped at various points in the Thames Valley, Essex, Kent and Cornwall, but no serious damage and no fatal casualties are reported from any of these districts.

"A number of casualties, including a few who were fatally injured, were caused in a city in the Midlands and another small Midlands town where a number of houses were demolished, but little other damage is reported.

"A single enemy plane was shot down in an attack on a town in the Home Counties where a number of persons were killed and seriously injured by bombs and machine gun bullets."

There were three alert warnings in the London area during the day, of which the last, in the afternoon, was the longest. —Reuter.

EIGHT INJURED

Eight Chinese, including a policeman, were injured last night when a grenade was thrown into the offices of the "Sing Pao," pro-Wang Ching-wei newspaper, in the Shanghai International Settlement. Slight damage was done. The iron netting protecting the first floor, occupied by the composing department, broke in the explosion. Police cordoned off the block and searched houses in the area. —Reuter.

SHANGHAI EMERGES FROM THE FLOOD

(Continued from Page 1)

Department regarding the possible effect of the floods on health, the day issued a statement de-S.M.C. in Shanghai, yesterday clearing that prolonged inundations might result in various contaminations being brought into the household, but it is thought the period from which Shanghai will suffer will be too short to produce any lasting untoward effects.

It is expected that with the exception of chills and colds, little effect on health will be felt in Shanghai.

Vegetables may have been infected by material brought from far distant areas. —Havas.

SHANGHAI FEAR OF PACIFIC CONFLICT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The new Axis-Japan pact has deepened the fear in Shanghai of a war in the Far East and has brought Shanghai's imports of foreign cotton almost to a complete standstill, says the "China Press" this morning, quoting informed circles.

Present cotton stocks will last Shanghai mills for the next three months. However, a Japanese report that Japanese, British and Chinese mills will probably be forced to close down at the beginning of next year, owing to the new pact, is considered grossly exaggerated.

The present situation in the cotton market is extremely uneasy.

No-one can foresee future conditions as no-one knows whether the pact means the inevitable declaration of war.

Imports of Chinese cotton are very erratic, and even if a regular supply was assured it would not alone supply the need of Shanghai cotton mills. —Havas.

RIOM TRIAL ARRAY OF WITNESSES

Fifty-three witnesses in the French war guilt trial have been heard by the Supreme Court at Riom in the last few days, according to Lyons radio yesterday.

Witnesses included General Weygand, General Colson, General George, General Vuillemin, General Blanchard and General Mittelhauser, as well as M. Georges Bonnet, former Foreign Minister and supporter of the Munich Agreement.

M. Guy La Chambre, former Air Minister, M. Edouard Daladier and General Gamelin were also questioned. —Reuter.

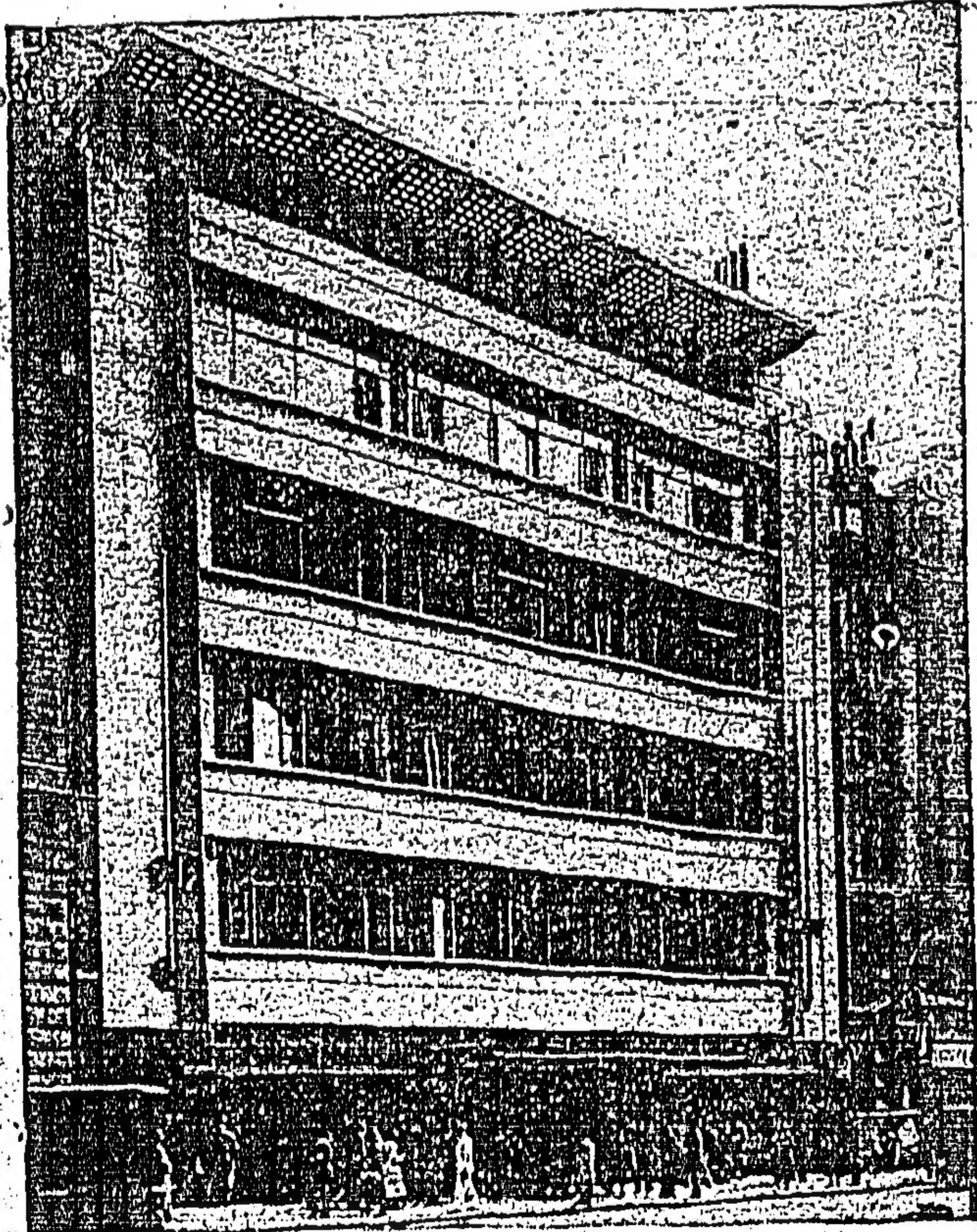
THE NEW CATECHIST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A rational catechism, telling people why and how they should accept the present food restrictions, was issued in Clermont-Ferrand yesterday by Monsignor Chasseigne, Bishop of Tulle. The

STOP PRESS

Chinese hopes of the early re-opening of the Burma road are increasing. The Sino-British Cultural Relations Association, the Sino-Burmese Cultural Relations Association, the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association, the China Peace Campaign Committee and the Central University in Chungking have jointly cabled the China Campaign Committee in London wishing it success in urging Britain to re-open the Burma road. —Reuter.



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